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ITS

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN

AND ITS

POINTS OF INTEREST.

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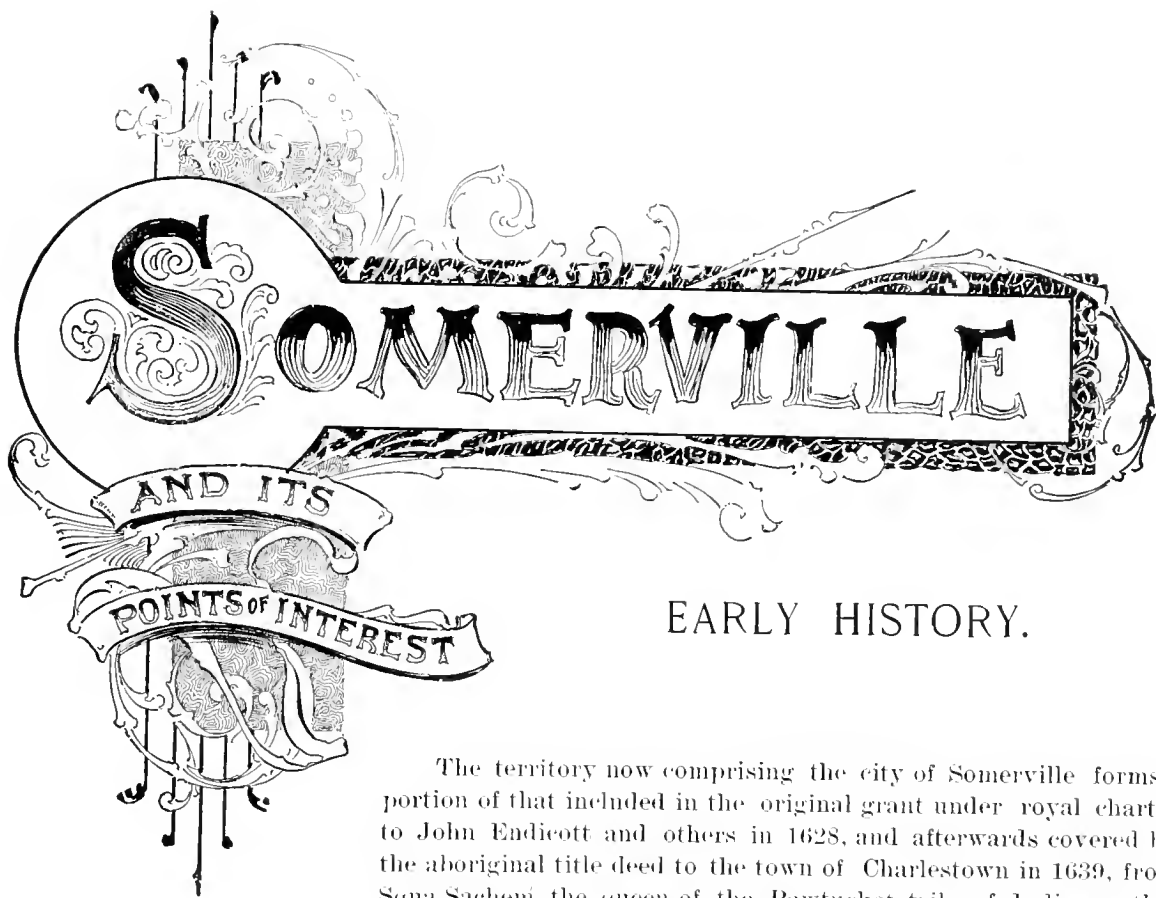
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## EARLY HISTORY.

The territory now comprising the city of Somerville forms a portion of that included in the original grant under royal charter to John Endicott and others in 1628, and afterwards covered by the aboriginal title deed to the town of Charlestown in 1639, from Squa Sachem, the queen of the Pawtucket tribe of Indians; this tribe held jurisdiction over this territory and vicinity before the

advent of the white man, and was once a formidable tribe under its chief Nanepashemit or "New Moon," but it became very much reduced by a severe pestilence that lasted several years, so that the Indian population was not large in this vicinity at the time of its settlement.

Upon the death of Nanepashemit, his queen Squa Sachem succeeded him as ruler of the tribe, and from her and her second husband, Web Cowet, the title above referred to was obtained.

There is historical evidence that this locality was settled and began to feel the subduing influence of civilization prior to the settlement of Boston in 1630, although the first recorded name of a white settler in this part of the town of Charlestown, now Somerville, was that of John Woolrich; that he was a man of prominence is shown from the fact that in 1634 he was a representative to the General Court. The record regarding his settlement is as follows: "1630.—John Woolrich, by reason of his trade with the Indians, built and fenced a mile and a half without the necke of land in ye maine, on ye right hand of ye way to New Towne (Cambridge) on the S. W. side of ye hill." The locality is not far from a tablet erected in 1890, on Washington street near Dane street.

Soon afterwards he was followed by others, among them the highly educated and accomplished John Winthrop, the first Governor of the Colony; a bronze statue of him stands in Scollay square, Boston. His farm was at Ten Hills, overlooking Mystic river. Gradually the adventurous settlers were scattered throughout the region, where the conditions of soil and location promised a profitable return for the toil expended.

The peaceful and powerful influence of Massasoit and his true friendship for the white settlers, gave to them the opportunity to thoroughly strengthen their hold upon this and other settlements, so that when King Philip succeeded his father Massasoit, and the stirring and blood-curdling events that subsequently and successively burst upon all the colonies, they were able to do valiant service in the protection of home, wife, children and their combined colonial interests. The careful reader of King Philip's war in 1675-76; King William's war from 1689 to 1697; Queen Anne's war from 1702 to 1713; King George's war, 1744 to 1748, and the French and Indian war from 1754 to 1763, can form some ideas of what those pioneers were called to do and suffer; historians have garnered every incident possible in their lives of hardship and suffering, while eloquence has again and again exhausted its captivating power in presenting to our imagination the grand heroism that illuminated their self-sacrificing devotion to political and religious freedom and to the land of their adoption.

They established their homes amid the wild trackless forests and fields of a new and unexplored country, surrounded by wild beasts and a race of savages more dangerous than the former; they exterminated the one and subdued the other; they created a community of kindred spirits, inaugurated the principle of self-government—a germ of political principle destined to establish the most powerful nation in the world, and gradually but ultimately, through centuries of influence, to modify if not mould the political character of all nations.

Both the native and adopted citizen of Somerville is proud of the fact that her hills and meadows became historic as the places where were enacted some of the exciting events that contributed to the success of the combined colonial effort against the tyrannical rule of the mother country, and that citizens, some of whom attained most prominent distinction, honorably bore their part in its grand consummation.

## THE DAYS OF THE REVOLUTION.

From all the facts now attainable, it is estimated that at the commencement of the Revolutionary war, the part of Charlestown which now comprises Somerville could not have contained more than two hundred and fifty population, and less than forty houses, and these scattered from Charlestown Neck to Quarry Hill; the Highlands were largely pasture lands interspersed with heavy growth of woods.

Mt. Benedict was, however, supposed to be under cultivation, for it was called "Ploughed Hill."

Although few in number, the citizens of this locality were thoroughly in active sympathy with the patriots and ready to do their part in the exciting events so soon to follow, and which were destined to make their highways and hill-tops grandly historic with the more important events of Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill and Siege of Boston.

One of the first acts of British hostility was the capture of the powder house with its large stock of powder on Quarry Hill in the northeastern part of the town, as narrated elsewhere in these pages.

On the night of April 18, 1775, through Broadway and over Winter Hill, Paul Revere, the veteran patriot courier who sixteen months before had carried to New York and Philadelphia the news of the destruction of the cargoes of tea in Boston Harbor, now alarmed the sleeping inhabitants as he dashed along the highway on his saddled steed on his way to Lexington and Concord to warn the "minute men" that the British were advancing. Long before day the "Red Coats" were watched with intense interest and anxiety as they passed through what is now Somerville avenue, on their way to Lexington and Concord, only to return on the eve of the next day, fleeing from the persistent attack of the minute men.

"You know the rest. In the books you have read,  
How the British Regulars fired and fled—  
How the farmers gave them ball for ball,  
From behind each fence and barn-yard wall."

With defeated and thinned ranks they hastily sought the protection of the British ships by way of Washington street and across Charlestown Neck, having lost two hundred and seventy-three men, while the loss of the Americans during the day in killed, wounded and missing was only eighty-eight; this success electrified the people. The country was thoroughly aroused and from all directions the ranks of the patriots were rapidly augmented. Prospect Hill was immediately occupied, where the first picket line of the Revolutionary war was established.

So thoroughly had the colonists organized as "minute men" pledged to instant service, that within ten days from the battle of Lexington, from fifteen to twenty thousand men were on duty around Boston, their lines extending from Roxbury to the Mystic river, thus occupying the ground that was to be the base of operations in the eleven months' siege of Boston.

Without attempting to give a history of what occurred we wish simply to review the facts that within the borders of Somerville are located points of interest prominently and intimately associated with the opening of the war for independence. The left wing of the American army was commanded by Major Gen. Charles Lee and occupied Benedict Hill, Winter Hill, Central Hill, Prospect Hill and Cobble Hill. Extensive earth-works were created near the site of the High School building on Central Hill, the spot being marked by the Battery built by the city to commemorate the fact; on Prospect Hill was built the strongest fortress in the besieging lines. Cobble Hill, now the site of the McLane Insane Asylum, was occupied and fortified as an advanced position; Benedict Hill was also occupied; from these positions the artillery commanded both the Mystic and Charles rivers. Gen. Lee had his headquarters at the house of Oliver Tufts, which still remains. From Prospect Hill General Washington inspected his field of operations with constant watchfulness. This afforded the best point of view for his daily visits. After the British evacuated Boston these works were deserted for a time, but in 1777-8 Gen. Burgoyne's army was quartered here as prisoners of war, captured at Saratoga. There were about nineteen hundred German soldiers on Winter Hill and twenty-three hundred British soldiers on Prospect Hill.

The historic points of interest in Somerville are now being carefully noted and facts connected therewith suitably perpetuated, as will appear from the following statement that appeared in the Somerville Journal, which we quote in full:—

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## HISTORICAL SPOTS IN SOMERVILLE.

A number of places of historic interest in Somerville are marked by tablets erected by the city in 1890. The location of the tablets is as follows:

On Abner Blaisdell's house, Somerville avenue: "Headquarters of Brigadier General Nathaniel Greene, in command of the Rhode Island Troops during the siege of Boston. 1775-6."

On the Oliver Tufts house, Sycamore street, now owned by Mrs. Fletcher: "Headquarters of Major General Charles Lee, commanding left wing of the American Army during the siege of Boston. 1775-6."

On the stonework of the Battery, Central Hill Park: "This Battery was erected by the city in 1885, and is within the lines of the 'French Redoubt,' built by the Revolutionary Army in 1775, as a part of the besieging lines of Boston.—The guns were donated by Congress, and were in service during the late Civil War."

On Prospect Hill: "On this Hill the Union Flag, with its Thirteen Stripes,—the Emblem of the United Colonies,—First bade Defiance to an Enemy, January 1, 1776.—Here was the Citadel, the most formidable work in the American Lines during the siege of Boston: June 17, 1775, to March 17, 1776."

On Elm street, corner of Willow avenue: "A sharp fight occurred here, between the Patriots and the British, April 19, 1775.—This marks British Soldiers' graves."

On Washington street, corner of Dane street: "John Woolrich, Indian trader, built near this place in 1630.—The first white settler on Somerville soil."

At junction Broadway and Main street: "Paul Revere passed over this road, in his midnight ride to Lexington and Concord, April 18, 1775—Site of the 'Winter Hill Fort,' a stronghold built by the American Forces while besieging Boston. 1775-6."

On Washington street opposite Rossmore street: "On this Hillside James Miller, Minuteman, aged 65, was slain by the British, April 19, 1775.—'I am too old to run.'"

In addition to the above, the press committee of the semi-centennial caused the following places to be marked by temporary tablets:

On Masonic Block, Union square: "Site of Recruiting Stand for Union Soldiers in the Civil War."

On Asylum Hill (Cobble Hill): "Site of 'Putnam's Impregnable Fortress,' 1775."

On Old Powder House: "Old Powder House, originally a Wind Mill, built before 1720. Its powder seized by British Troops September 1, 1774, the first hostile act of the Revolution."

On Convent Hill (Ploughed Hill): "Fortified and bombarded in 1775-76.—Site of Ursuline Convent, founded 1820, and opened in 1826: burned in 1834. Hill dug down 1875 to 1892."

On south side Mystic avenue (nearly opposite coal wharf): "Old Fort. Extreme left of American Army 1775-76. Commanded Mystic River."

In Broadway Park: "Route of Middlesex Canal. Chartered, 1793; opened 1803."

At Somerville and Charlestown line on Washington street: "Paul Revere on his famous ride, April 18, 1775, was intercepted here by British officers and escaped."

Old cellar hole east of Middlesex avenue, near old wharf and new Malden bridge: "Site of Governor John Winthrop's house, 1631."

On Ten Hills Farm: "Site of the mansion of Robert Temple, afterward Colonel Jaques."

On old wharf, east of Middlesex avenue, near new bridge, south shore Mystic river: "Ancient Wharf. Here Governor Winthrop launched the 'Blessing of the Bay,' the first ship built in Massachusetts, July 1, 1631. The British landed here in their raid on the Powder House September 1, 1774."

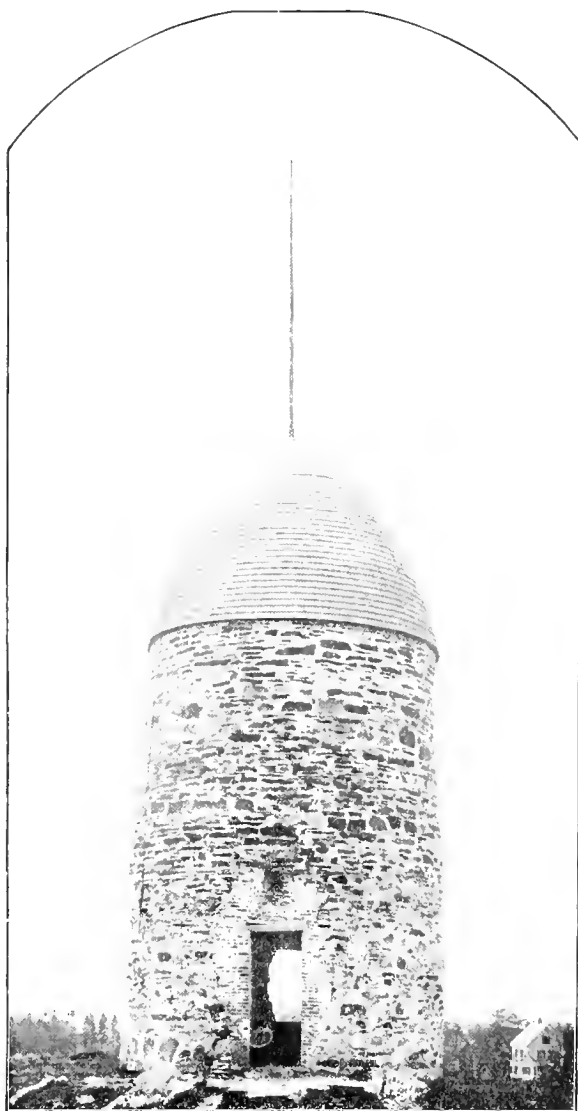
On Prospect Hill: "Site of Old Wind Mill."

## OLD POWDER HOUSE.

Of all the many points of historic value within the limits of Somerville none are the center of so much interest as the Old Powder House, located in an easterly direction from the railroad station at West Somerville, near the junction of Elm street and Broadway, and in view of Tufts College. As will be seen by the cut on next page, made from photograph taken by our special artist, it is in an apparently good state of preservation and will be carefully cared for by the city, for the

Powder House and a tract of land have been presented the city by the heirs of Nathan Tufts for a public park. This with some adjacent land purchased by the city for the purpose will constitute what will be known as Nathan Tufts Park. It contains 197,856 square feet of land, or about four

and one-half acres. The city government has appropriated twenty-five hundred dollars for the purchase of land and the improvement of the park. Somerville will take especial pride in perfecting and carrying out the plans already matured by City Engineer Eaton for driveways, walks, leveling and grading and beautifying its formation, so that when in time the shrubbery and flowering plants shall have been artistically cultivated, Tufts Park will be a charming and interesting resort. The Powder House is built of blue stone like that found in that locality; it is about thirty feet in height and about fifteen feet in diameter at base, with walls about two feet thick. It was built with three lofts and originally used for a grist mill, the power derived from a wind mill. It was built prior to 1720, for in the will of John Mallet made that year "the grist mill" is left to his two sons, from which fact it is believed to have been built by him, as he had been proprietor of this land for some sixteen years. In 1847 it was sold to the Province of Massachusetts Bay. In the early days of the Revolution it was used by the patriots as a magazine for storing powder, from which fact it derived its name. Here one of the earliest acts of hostility was perpetrated by the British under command of Gen. Gage, who on Sept. 1, 1774, sent a force of two hundred and sixty men from Boston up the Mystic river to Ten Hills Farm, where they landed, and proceeded direct to the Powder House, capturing two hundred and fifty half barrels of powder, which they hastily removed to Castle Williams in Boston Harbor.



OLD POWDER HOUSE.

Since 1836, this property has been in the possession of Nathan Tufts and his heirs, until donated as above.

### INCORPORATED A TOWN.

This portion of Charlestown, now Somerville, gradually but very slowly grew in population during the more than two and one-half centuries it was connected with Charlestown, until its citi-

zens came to feel that their interests would be largely enhanced by a separation and the formation of a township of their own, so that in 1842 we find that the subject had been so successfully agitated that as early as Jan. 26 the town of Charlestown voted to accede to the petition of Guy Hawkes and others, to be set off as the town of Somerville, and appointed a committee to represent the town of Charlestown before the Legislative committee engaged in drafting the bill authorizing the separation.

The bill was successfully presented to the Legislature, and the act incorporating the town of Somerville passed March 3d, 1842. There was great rejoicing by the people of the new made town over this decree of their independence. The quiet of Prospect Hill was again disturbed by the booming of cannon : but now it was but the salute of one hundred guns in honor of the event of the birth of Somerville.

The inventory of stock for the new town showed that they had four one-story wooden school houses, an engine house and a small tub fire engine, all to the total value of \$6,655.

There were no churches, minister, lawyer or doctor, tavern or store within the territory of Somerville. The population was 1,013 and about 130 houses. The school records showed about 293 pupils.

Farming was the principal occupation of the people, although brick making was carried on to considerable extent, giving employment to many men.

The town proceeded at once to organize a government by calling a town meeting, which was held in Prospect Hill school house March 14th.

Nathan Tufts (chairman), John S. Edgerly, Caleb W. Leland, Luther Mitchell and Francis Bowman were elected the first board of selectmen, with Charles E. Gilman town clerk and Edmund Tufts treasurer and collector. The town appropriated \$1,800 for support of schools, \$2,000 for maintenance of highways, \$450 for county tax, \$200 for support of poor, \$300 for contingencies, making a total of \$4,700. Thus equipped for the proper conduct of the business of a town, Somerville began the duties of self-improvement : that she acted well her part, her growth and prosperity verify. Passing over the intervening years, we find that in 1860 the population had increased to 8,025 : the school population was 1,707, with twenty-four schools and twenty-nine teachers. The valuation of the town had increased to \$5,760,000. In all lines Somerville had developed a healthy growth : especially was this true regarding churches and schools, in which the town was so distinctively barren when incorporated. The military spirit had also been fostered. In 1853 the Somerville Light Infantry was organized, with George O. Barstow captain. The existence of this organization intensified the military spirit in the young men of the town, and thus in a measure educated them for the thrilling events of 1861, so soon to transpire.

## SOMERVILLE IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.

When the news of the fall of Fort Sumter was flashed over the country, decreeing beyond question that war between the North and South was inevitable, the people of Somerville, in unison with the whole loyal North, began at once to anticipate the demands of patriotism : war meetings were held and patriotic speeches made, committees were chosen for recruiting men and raising funds and forwarding supplies : enlistments were rapidly secured, while great enthusiasm prevailed. President Lincoln's first call for troops, April 15th, 1861, was at once answered by the Somerville Light Infantry with full ranks, and on the 19th, only four days from date of the President's call, were on their way to Washington, D. C., as Company I of the 5th Regiment, M. V. M., and officered as follows : Captain, George O. Barstow : First Lieutenant, Frederick R. Kinsley : Second

Lieutenant, William E. Robinson. The command of the 5th Regiment was under Col. Lawrence, afterwards brigadier general M. V. M. The regiment acted a brave part in the first disastrous battle of Bull Run. Its three months' term of enlistment soon expired, and they were mustered out of service. In the spring of 1862, the service of the company, then commanded by Captain William E. Robinson, its former lieutenant, was again tendered to the Governor, but at that time was not accepted.

Under the President's call for 300,000 nine months' men in 1862, the 5th Regiment again volunteered under command of Colonel George H. Pierson, the Somerville Light Infantry now going as Company B—102 men, including officers, who were: Captain, Benjamin F. Parker; First Lieutenant, Walter C. Bailey; Second Lieutenant, John Harrington; every man in the company,



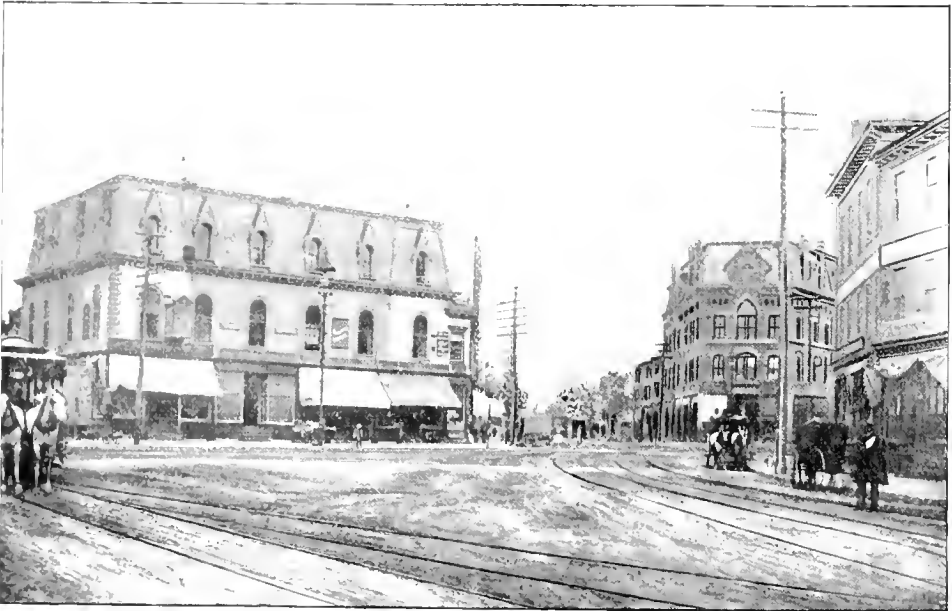
BATTERY, CENTRAL HILL.

with one exception, was accredited to Somerville. The regiment was first sent to Camp Lander, Wenham, but left Boston October 22d, 1862, in transports, for New Berne, N. C., to report to Major General Foster, who, on its arrival, assigned it to the brigade under command of Colonel Horace C. Lee, of the 27th Mass. Regiment. The regiment was immediately called into active service, and participated in many important events during its term of service. In response to the call for three years' men, a company designated as the Somerville Guards was recruited under command of Captain Frederick R. Kinsley, who had served as first lieutenant in Company I, Fifth Regiment, during its first enlistment. The company was encamped for a time on Prospect Hill, then ordered to Boxford, and, as Company E, formed a part of the 39th Regiment, M. V. M., leaving for Washington, September 6th, 1862. This regiment endured very hard service and participated in a large number of the battles of the Army of the Potomac, ending at Appomattox, when, with

its ranks terribly thinned, Company E returned to Somerville and citizen life. During its service, Willard C. Kinsley, a brave and valuable officer, had been promoted to captain, and, in the engagement at Gravelly Run, was mortally wounded. The local Grand Army Post of Somerville, in honor of his memory, adopted his full name for their organization.

Again the Somerville Light Infantry was mustered into the United States service with the 5th Regiment, July 25th, 1864, for its third term of service, but this time only for one hundred days. The company was commanded by Captain John Coffin, Colonel Pierson again commanding the regiment.

During the war, Somerville furnished many men not included in the local organizations. The record shows the total number to be 1085 men and forty commissioned officers. Of this number, 250 were wounded and ninety-eight killed in battle or died from disease or wounds. Thus it will be seen that Somerville's memorial list is a long one, and it is hoped that the history of Somerville, now being prepared under the direction of the Citizens' Association, will include the unwritten history of much that would be instructive and intensely interesting concerning the heroic deeds of Somerville's sons in the war, and of the patriotic efforts of the men and women at home during the period of the war.



UNION SQUARE.

## SOMERVILLE A CITY.

After recovering from the financial depression and effect of the war—for Somerville had been patriotic and generous in everything that pertained to the interests of her citizen soldiery and the cause of the Union, there was a growing feeling that the interests of the town could be best conserved under a municipal form of government; important questions of internal improvement and development could thus be best provided for. Hence this desire soon took definite form in action in 1871,



when the town was granted a city charter, to go into effect January 1st, 1872. Hon. George O. Barstow was elected the first mayor, and served a second term. Mr. Jacob T. Glines was president of the first board of aldermen.

The new era for Somerville now began: the new city government devoted its energies at once to devising plans for permanent improvements, which have been prosecuted with more or less



VIEW DOWN BROADWAY.

vigor by each succeeding administration, the recounting of which would require more space than the purpose of historical sketch will allow, for we wish to speak now only briefly of what constitutes the Somerville of to-day.

### IMPROVED STREETS.

The city obtained from the Legislature authority to borrow \$100,000 outside of its debt limit for the purpose of paving and improving its streets, and the city government made the appropriation, and Somerville avenue from East Cambridge line to Church street, including Union square and also Webster avenue, has been paved during the last season. The work required about

660,000 blocks of granite, which were purchased by the city, and the work of laying them done by contract. This was an improvement long needed in this portion of the city. There are other streets in great need of decided improvement, which will receive proper attention in due time.

During the year 1891 over \$10,000 was spent for macadamizing various streets, independent of other repairs. Somerville has over eighty miles of public and private streets.

The city is lighted by electric lights, supplied by the Somerville Electric Light Co., requiring a total of 158 arc and 356 incandescent lights.



POLLARD SQUARE.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Somerville is well provided with an ably managed and efficient police force under Melvin C. Parkhurst, Chief; Robert R. Perry, Captain; Samuel R. Dow, Sergeant; Edward McGarr, Sergeant; Chris. C. Cavanaugh, Sergeant; and twenty-seven patrolmen.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The very large portion of the buildings in the city being private residences, as compared with most places of the same number of inhabitants where manufacturing interests are prominent, and hence cheap rents and boarding houses abound as well as much other more hazardous property, may explain why the city escapes with so small a demand upon this department: for while the fire alarms in the year 1891 exceeded in number any other year in the city's history (according to the chief engineer's report), yet it only reached eighty alarms. But these made at times a severe tax upon the department, for many of the runs were long and hills to encounter: but the department is very efficient, and accomplished all that could be expected with the facilities furnished

them, which consist of two steam fire engines, each of a capacity of 700 gallons per minute; four hose wagons, each supplied with forty-three feet of ladder; two hand chemical extinguishers and 900 feet of hose; one hose reel with 800 feet of hose; one combination carriage, carrying ladders, chemical tank, large and small hose; one ladder truck, supplied with ladders, jumping canvas, and all kinds of necessary tools.

There are 8,000 feet of hose in the department.

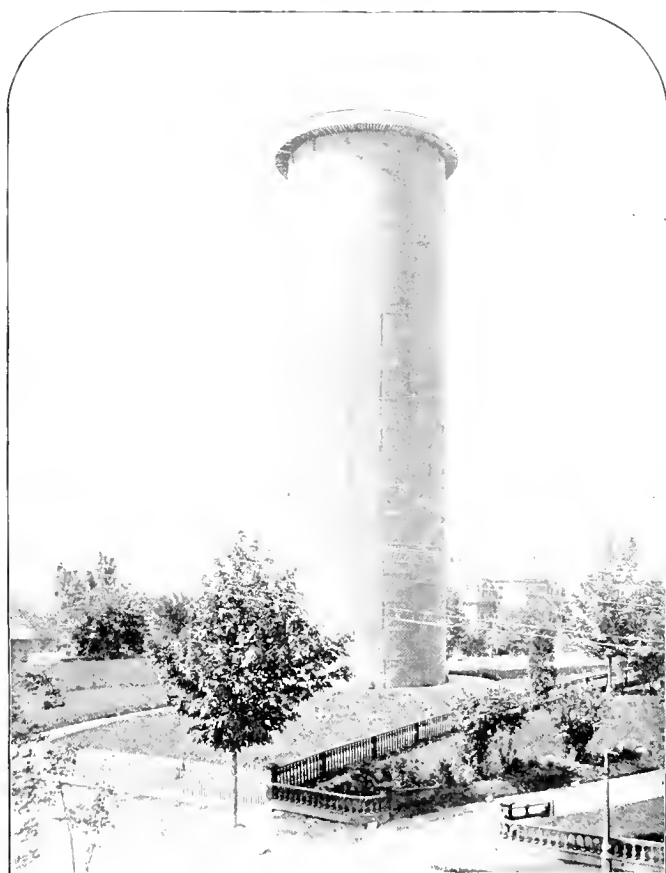
The department is under the control of Chief Engineer James R. Hopkins, with Nathaniel C. Baker assistant engineer, and Edward F. Backus fire alarm operator, and 75 men divided up among the different companies in their several capacities. The city is provided with fire alarm telegraph, and has 51 signal boxes, 48 miles of wire and six town bell strikers.

## WATER SUPPLY.

The city of Somerville is not the owner of its own water plant or source of supply, but is furnished with the Mystic Lake water by contract with the city of Boston, which owns and controls

this plant. But Somerville's plant within the city, for furnishing water for all demands, is quite extensive: it has over sixty-four miles of mains, 401 hydrants. The city has been to very heavy expense to establish its high-water service, which demanded a pumping station, supplied with steam power, and a powerful pump, located on Cedar street, near Broadway, by which the water is forced into an immense stand-pipe on Spring Hill. Its dimensions are thirty feet in diameter and 100 feet in height. This is used to give the Highlands an ample supply of water. To give a more clear idea of its value and importance, we quote from the excellent report of the water board for the year 1891:

"The high-water service, which was put into operation for the first time last year (1890), continues to give complete satisfaction. Until the introduction of this system, residents upon the high lands were subjected to grievous annoyance by the scanty water supply, while their property was in constant peril from fire. In fact, some of the finest residential lands in the city were rendered almost valueless

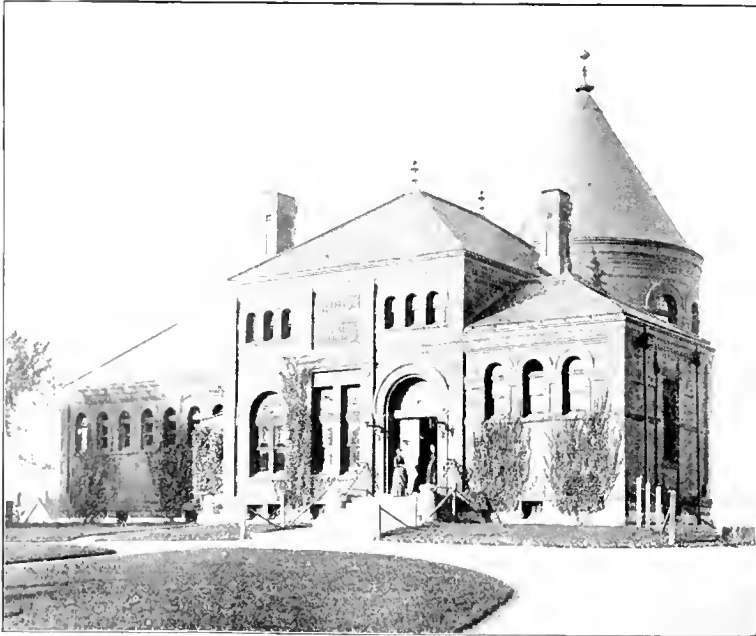


THE WATER TOWER.

for building purposes in consequence of the lack of water. The high service has brought permanent relief to the more elevated portions of the city, and largely increased the value of hundreds

of building lots. Beautiful and substantial houses are being rapidly erected on the summits of our hills, where are to be found the most eligible and healthful locations for the homes of the people. No intelligent tax-payer will to-day question the wisdom of the expenditure which has been made for the introduction of the high-water service, an investment which, in after years, will yield a considerable revenue to the city.

"All of the machinery, structures and appurtenances of the high service are in good condition and doing excellent work. Another year's trial of the boiler, pump and stand-pipe has but confirmed the favorable opinion expressed concerning them by our immediate predecessors in office. The pumping plant, as it now exists, is adequate for present needs; but the consumption of water is constantly increasing in our rapidly growing city, and we believe it will be wise to purchase, at an early date, a second boiler, and equip it for service, so that, in case of any mishap to the boiler now in use, water takers may not be deprived of their supply while repairs are being made. An additional stand pipe will soon be required for the high service system. We would, therefore, recommend that steps be taken towards the purchase of a suitable lot of land for that purpose on the summit of Winter Hill."



PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The beautiful Public Library building, as seen in cut above, is on Central Hill, in a delightful and central location near the High School building. It was built and dedicated in 1885, and is very attractively arranged and convenient for the purpose designed. It contains only 21,012 books (Sept., 1892), which reveals the weak point in Somerville's showing as a city of over 40,000 inhabitants, which does not compare favorably with the large towns and cities of Massachusetts as shown by the "Report of the Free Public Library Commission." The method of teaching now pursued in the high schools makes the public library an important auxiliary to the schools. The two go hand in hand to secure the best results in the education of our children, hence the necessity

of the public libraries being well supplied with the class of books to meet this requirement, aside from the demands of the general reading public. It is to the credit of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library that they are alive to this question, and are working for its improvement. The Board of Trustees are: Charles S. Lincoln, President; C. E. Rymes, Geo. A. Bruce, William E. Weld, James E. Whitaker, J. Henry Flitner, Charles H. Brown, John B. Viall, E. C. Clark; Librarian, Harriet A. Adams.

## CITY HOSPITAL.

Somerville has long needed a hospital for the proper care and treatment of the sick or unfortunate who might need the provisions afforded in a well-appointed modern hospital. The subject had been discussed and agitated, especially in the public press, until benevolent people became interested in the subject. The first donation for this object was made by Miss Mary R. Hunt, who gave \$10,000 on condition that a like amount should be raised: this was accomplished. The Somerville Hospital was incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, and its thirty trustees selected from all parts of the city. A building committee was appointed, and after an extended examination of other hospitals and plans, they decided upon what to them seemed best adapted to the present and prospective demands of our city. The site on Spring Hill is a delightful one, where plenty of sunshine and fresh air abound, and so located that its desirable views cannot be obstructed by other buildings. The principal wards are one story high, and due attention is paid to sunlight and ventilation; in short, in all its detail of construction, everything has been done to conform to the most approved regulations that experience elsewhere has demonstrated advisable.

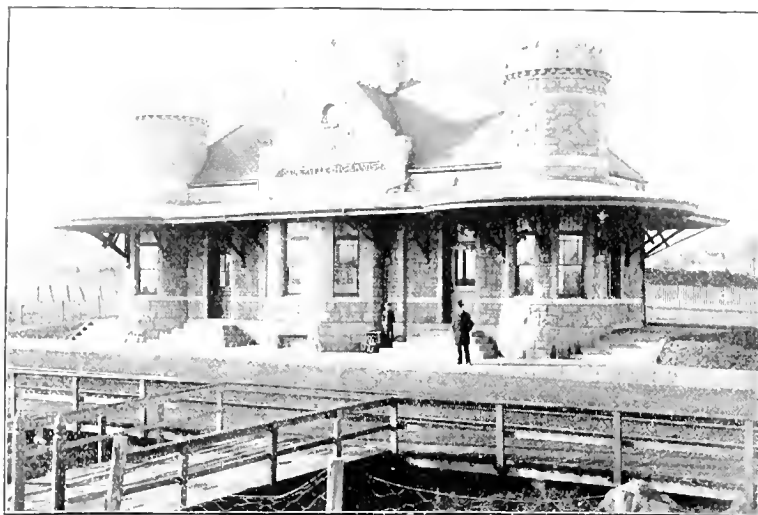
Officers of the Somerville Hospital are: Charles G. Pope, President; Lewis Lombard, Vice-President; John F. Cole, Treasurer; Thomas M. Durell, M. D., Clerk; with thirty trustees.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT.

Somerville is attracting wide-spread attention as a desirable place for residence,—first, on account of its many most desirable locations, such as surrounds Union square, Davis square, Russell square, Pollard square, Somerville Highlands, Spring Hill, Central Hill, Prospect Hill, Winter Hill, Broadway, and others; second, land generally is not held at so exorbitant prices as in very many of the suburban towns,—hence we deem it favorable to these various localities and the city at large to show in some detail the valuable public transit facilities enjoyed; so we give some space to this purpose, for the city is especially favored in the convenience enjoyed for passenger transit, both by steam and street cars.

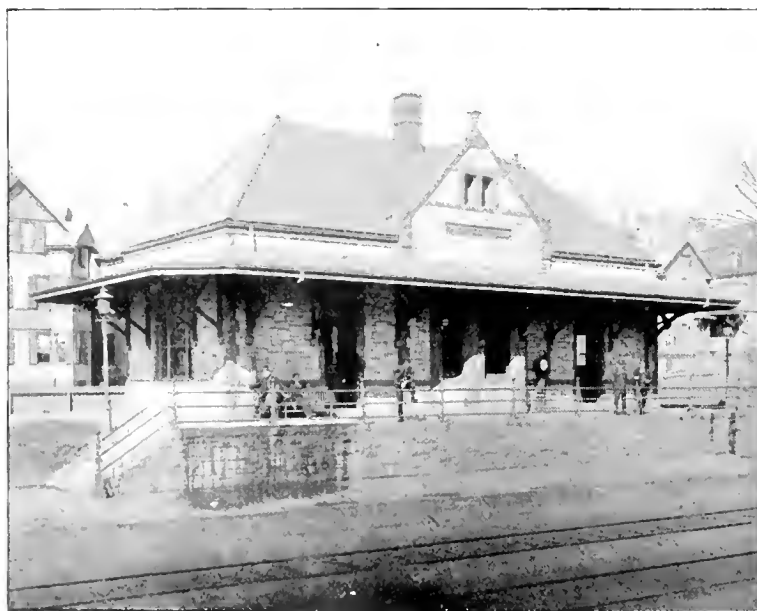
The Fitchburg Railroad runs twenty local trains per day from Boston, entering Somerville from Charlestown, with stations at Union square, Somerville Station at Park street, then passing into Cambridge, with "Porter" Station near Somerville line; thus accommodating the southwestern portion of the city. On the extreme southeastern portion of the city the Western Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad is located, with station at East Somerville, or, to be more correct, the station is located just over the line in Charlestown, and called East Somerville Station; forty-six of the trains per day that leave Boston & Maine Depot, Haymarket square, stop at this station.

The Eastern Division of the same road also has a station here only a few rods from that of the Western Division, but on the opposite side of the tracks, and is called Somerville Station.



SOMERVILLE HIGHLANDS STATION.

Thirty-seven of the trains per day leaving Boston from Eastern Depot, Causeway street, foot of Friend street, stop at this station. The Southern Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad,



PROSPECT HILL STATION.

Lowell system, runs its trains from Lowell Depot, Causeway street, foot of Portland street, Boston, the route being through East Cambridge into Somerville, with stations at Prospect Hill,

Somerville Station at Central Street, and North Somerville at Broadway: thirty-eight trains per day from Boston stop at these stations.

From near Somerville Station, Central street, a branch leaves the main line, running through Somerville Highlands, Davis square, in West Somerville, into North Cambridge, giving to these stations thirty-one local trains per day from Boston. This main line and branch open up some of the most desirable locations for residence to be found anywhere in the suburbs of Boston, and is being developed very rapidly. The Boston & Maine Railroad Company has built three very handsome and well-appointed stone stations: one at Prospect Hill, one at Winter Hill, which also



WINTER HILL STATION, LOWELL DIVISION, B. & M.

accommodates the vicinity of Central Hill, and one at Somerville Highlands. Cuts of each of these stations are given in these pages. The stranger desiring to visit Somerville by rail from Boston is at once confused to know at which depot he ought to take his train, whether at Boston & Maine, Haymarket square, or Eastern Depot, Causeway street, foot of Friend street, or Lowell Depot, Causeway street, foot of Portland street, or Fitchburg Depot, Causeway street, for from each depot trains run to different parts of Somerville; hence, to those not familiar with the several routes, there is danger of their taking a train for a part of Somerville quite different from the destination desired; with many, only careful inquiry will insure them from uncertainty and error.

## STREET CARS.

A glance at the map of Somerville will show that its territory extends from Charlestown Neck in a northwesterly direction, a distance of about four miles, while its width varies from three-fourths of a mile to about two miles, and that its hills have a general range lengthwise, and hence the railroads, both steam and street car lines, conform to this general direction, with the exception

of the cross line of street railway through Cross street. The West End Street Railroad Company of Boston has the entire franchise of street railway service in the city and has nine lines running through portions of Somerville, each running to and from Boston and forming a part of the West End's great system. They are rapidly supplanting the horse cars with electric cars and the trolley system.

Skirting the southeastern border of the city is a line running through Beacon street and the west end of Somerville avenue into North Cambridge, its terminal points being "Porter Station," North Cambridge, and Bowdoin square, Boston, via Cambridgeport. Another, and the longest line in the city, traversing most its entire length, runs from Park square, Boston, through Union square, Somerville, Somerville avenue, Elm street, Davis square, West Somerville, Holland street to Russell square on Clarendon Hill, or junction of Holland street and Broadway, this being the present terminus, and in the northwestern part of the city. Another line from Spring Hill to



LOOKING DOWN WASHINGTON STREET.

Park square, Boston, via Union square, Webster avenue, East Cambridge and North Charles street; also from Spring Hill to Bowdoin square, Boston, through Cambridgeport; also from Spring Hill to Scollay square, Boston, via Webster avenue, Cambridge street, through East Cambridge, to Eastern Depot and Portland street. To those residing in the westerly portion of Somerville these lines when equipped with electric cars will afford excellent accommodation, while those near Davis square are still further accommodated by the electric line on North avenue, Cambridge, within two or three minutes' walk, by which they can reach Bowdoin square, via Cambridgeport, or Tremont street, via Harvard bridge and Boylston street. Union square also has another line through Washington street, via Charlestown to Temple place, Boston; this



gives Union square five lines into Boston. Another line runs from Winter Hill, via Broadway and Charlestown, passing Fitchburg depot at Causeway street, through Boston to Boston & Albany and Old Colony depots. Another line of cars from Central street, Highland avenue, and practically from Davis square, as a transfer car from there connects with it, running through Highland avenue, past Central Hill Park, City Hall, Public Library, High School building to Central square, through Cross street to Broadway, through Charlestown to Northampton street via Columbus avenue. This gives, to Davis square, two lines to Boston besides the one on North avenue before mentioned. This, with the twenty-seven trains per day by steam cars, gives this part of Somerville splendid advantages, which are being rapidly appreciated, for West Somerville is building up with surprising rapidity. Another line runs from Magoun, or Pollard square as it is now called, through Medford street to Gilman square, thence through Pearl street and Cross street to Broadway, thence through Charlestown and Boston to Northampton street via Columbus avenue; this line opens a fine building location at Pollard square, which is the junction of Medford and Broadway, and a very sightly place on high ground, overlooking Medford Valley beyond.

## CHURCHES.

It is a singular fact that when Somerville became a town there was not a church within its borders, although the population was 1013; but religious efforts were put forth during the summer of 1842, which proved to be the origin of the First Unitarian Society, which was subsequently formed in 1844. The honor and credit of this primary effort are due to Elizabeth Page Whittridge, a teacher in the public schools, for she organized a Sunday school in June in the Prospect Hill school house, which in two years developed into the church mentioned. The church edifice stands on Highland avenue, opposite Prescott street. Rev. William H. Pierson is the present pastor. The fiftieth anniversary of the Sunday school was celebrated June 26, 1892.

The only other church of this denomination is the Second Unitarian on Elm street, West Somerville, Rev. Joel H. Metcalf pastor.

The Baptists quickly followed the Unitarians in entering the field for organized Christian effort, and in 1845 erected a church at the corner of Main and Haverill streets, known as the "Neck Village" Baptist Church, but eight years later was moved to Perkins street and has since been called the Perkins Street Baptist Church. They have recently built a new church of brick with brownstone trimmings on Cross street, corner of Pearl; it was occupied in February, 1892. The present pastor is Rev. Andrew R. Moore.

The Baptist denomination has six churches in the city: The First Baptist Church, Belmont street, Spring Hill, Rev. F. O. Cunningham pastor; the Winter Hill Baptist Church, School street, Rev. W. J. Day pastor; Union Square Baptist Church, Bow street, junction of Somerville avenue, Rev. C. S. Scott pastor; East Somerville Baptist Church, Perkins street, opposite Pinkney street, Rev. C. L. Rhodes was pastor, but removed to Waltham, and at the time of this writing the church is without a pastor; West Somerville Baptist Church, Elm street, Rev. Arthur L. Snell pastor.

The Free Baptists also have a church on Broadway near Lincoln street, Rev. E. P. Moulton pastor.

The Congregationalists have five churches in the city: First Orthodox Congregational Church, Franklin street, opposite Perkins street, Rev. James H. Ross resigned his pastorate October 22, to take place at the next annual meeting of the society; Broadway Congregational Church, Sycamore street, Rev. J. F. Lovering pastor; Prospect Hill Congregational Church, Bow street,

corner of Walnut street, Rev. Edward Sampson Teal pastor; Winter Hill Congregational Church, Broadway, corner of Central street, Rev. Charles L. Noyes pastor; West Somerville Congregational Church, Day street, Rev. H. C. Hitchcock pastor.

The Universalists have three churches: The First Universalist Church, Cross street, corner of Tufts street, Rev. Levi Moore Powers pastor; Winter Hill Universalist Church, Evergreen avenue, corner of Thurston street, Rev. L. P. Coddington pastor; the Third Universalist Church, corner of Elm and Morrison streets, West Somerville, Rev. Charles Macomber Smith, D. D., pastor.

The Episcopalians have three churches: The Emmanuel Church, corner of Central and Summer streets, Rev. N. K. Bishop rector; St. Thomas' Church, Somerville avenue, Union square, Rev. Geo. W. Durell rector; St. James' Church, Broadway, corner Clarendon avenue, Rev. George Bruce Nicholson minister in charge.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has four societies: The First Methodist Episcopal Church on Bow street, Rev. George Skene pastor; the Flint Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Flint street, opposite Rush street, Rev. C. M. Melden pastor; the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, Broadway, opposite Sargent avenue, Rev. Frank K. Stratton pastor; the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Park avenue, John H. Mansfield pastor.

The Roman Catholic churches are three in number: St. Joseph's, Washington street, corner of Webster avenue, Rev. Christopher T. McGrath pastor, Revs. P. F. McCall and J. F. Kelley curates; St. Ann's, Thurston street, corner of Medford street, Rev. John B. Galvin pastor, Rev. Mark J. Sullivan curate; St. Catherine's, Summer street, Spring Hill, Rev. J. J. O'Brien pastor.

The Presbyterians have but one church in the city: The Union Square Presbyterian Church, Warren avenue, Rev. C. S. Dewing pastor.

The Second Advent Society has its church on Putnam street, Elder O. W. Wallace pastor.

The pastors of the city have, in their public as well as private utterances, been strong in their advocacy of temperance and no license principles, and this has had a most healthy influence in creating and sustaining public opinion in favor of "no license," which so strongly prevails in Somerville; this condition of public opinion was justly referred to in the inaugural address of Mayor Charles G. Pope in 1891, when he said: "The overwhelming opinion of our citizens in favor of no license—an opinion that has never varied since the statute allowed its formal expression—entitles them to have their will respected and enforced by those charged with the duty of discovering the violators of the law."

## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Was organized in 1867—a quarter of a century ago, in which time it has accomplished an amount of good not measured by finite observation; the aid from time to time given to young men susceptible to a word of Christian encouragement, a suggestion towards elevated morals, a genuine welcome and social Christian fellowship, have each aided in restraining many a young man from the allurements of vice and debasing society, and inspired them with a desire for membership in the association and thus have become identified with its purposes and work, and step by step been moved by the influences thus chosen until Tennyson's words were verified:

"I hold it truth with him who sings  
To one clear harp in divers tones,  
That men may rise on stepping stones  
Of their dead selves to higher things."

In October, 1887, the association was re-organized and a good suite of rooms secured at Union square, centrally located, over Whitney & Snow's store. Mr. Andrew M. Wight of Sp

Mass., was called as its first General Secretary. Mr. Wight was a young man of strong social and Christian character, and came to his work with high purposes of making the work of the association a success. The membership cordially seconded his efforts, and the association gained largely in numbers and materially increased and extended its usefulness in the city to a degree before unknown. In 1891 Secretary Wight resigned and transferred his labors to a like field in Dakota.

Mr. George B. Cowles, Jr., was called as his successor, and has proved to be a most valuable man for the position, giving added life and zest to the important work of the association. A location has already been purchased at the junction of Somerville avenue and Bow street, where the association hopes to erect a building that will amply accommodate the increased demands of the association and also be a credit to the city. The following are the officers of the association: Pres. W. M. Armstrong; Treas., Frank E. Hodgkins; General Secretary, George B. Cowles, Jr.



ODD FELLOWS' BLOCK, WINTER HILL.

## SOMERVILLE'S SECRET SOCIETIES.

Probably there are few places on earth where secrets are more secure than in Somerville; judging from the number of secret societies supported here, evidently it is a barren field for the professional gossip.

There are at least forty-eight secret or fraternal societies, among them: John Abbott Lodge, F. and A. M.; Soley Lodge, F. and A. M.; Somerville R. A. Chapter; Orient Council of Royal

and Select Masters ; Oasis Lodge, No. 146, I. O. O. F. ; Paul Revere Lodge, No. 184, I. O. O. F. ; Caleb Rand Lodge, No. 197, I. O. O. F. ; Somerville Encampment, No. 48, I. O. O. F. ; Grand Canton Washington, No. 6, P. M. ; Component, No. 16 ; Ermine Lodge, No. 76, Daughters of Rebekah ; American Legion of Honor, Prospect Council, No. 11 ; Ancient Order of Foresters ; Mass. Catholic Order of Foresters ; Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 6, Division No. 17 ; I. O. of Red Men, Webcowwit Tribe, No. 66 ; I. O. of Red Men, Wonohaquaha Tribe, No. 69 ; Willard C. Kinsley Post 139, Grand Army of the Republic ; W. C. Kinsley Woman's Relief Corps, No. 21 ; Sons of Veterans, H. B. Leighton Camp 16 ; Warren Lodge, No. 189, Knights of Honor ; Mt. Benedict Lodge, No. 872, Knights of Honor ; Cameron Lodge, No. 1146, Knights of Honor ; Winter Hill Lodge, No. 423, Knights of Honor ; Franklin Lodge, No. 41, Knights of Pythias ; and many others.

## SOMERVILLE AS A RESIDENTIAL CITY.

The location of the city of Somerville is especially favorable to make it prominently a city of homes. With excellent steam and street car accommodations, within a few minutes' ride of Boston, the city naturally offers superior advantages over many suburban localities, but add to these the



MEDINA BUILDING, WEST SOMERVILLE.

fine topographical conditions of much of its territory, and it explains why the city is so rapidly increasing in population and in taxable wealth. From the meadow lands to varied altitudes rise the highlands or beautiful hills, from which delightful views enchant the observer. To the south, glittering in the sunlight, is seen the gilded dome of the State House, with the city gradually sloping off from Beacon Hill and spreading out to the west, fringing the shores of the Charles

river with its massive, palatial buildings. To the north, across and beyond the Mystic river, lies Medford, with Malden and Everett blending together, while in the distance, forming a beautiful background, rise the picturesque hills of Middlesex Fells, while spreading out to the west are the towns of Arlington and Belmont. In the opposite direction and in close proximity lies old historic Cambridge, with her church spires piercing above the deep foliage of her majestic elms, that have given refreshing shade to generations of students, who have gone hence to voice in all lands their warmest praises for Harvard College, their Alma Mater. On Central Hill, the most prominent of the Highlands, are located the City Hall, Public Library and High School building, with Public Park adjoining, while all along Highland avenue, beautiful and some of them costly, dwellings are being erected: this is also true of Winter Hill, with the Winter Hill railroad station



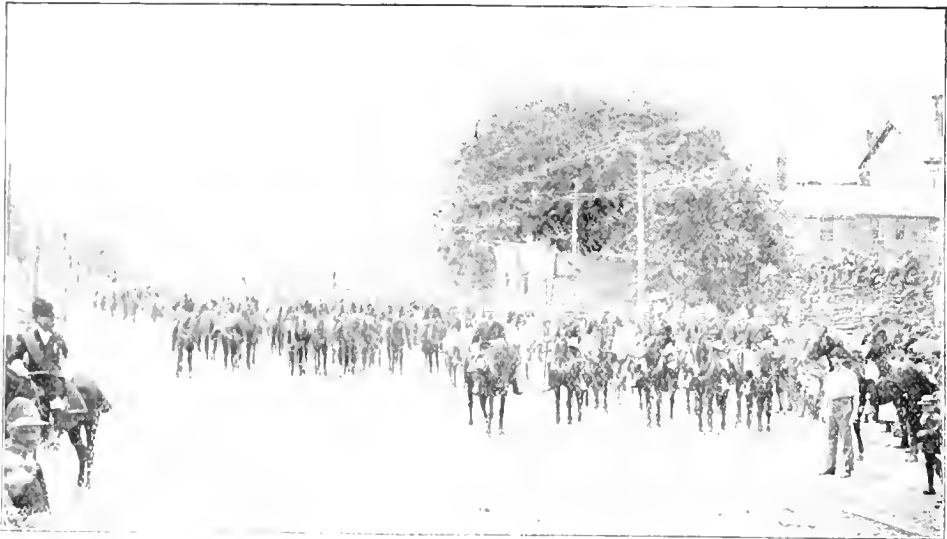
HIGH SCHOOL.

convenient for both. Somerville Highlands, with its elegant little railroad station, is being rapidly occupied and built up: new streets have been laid out and many new houses have recently been erected. West Somerville, which includes "Powder House Hill," or as it is now called Nathan Tufts Park, with the railroad station near by at Davis square, is very rapidly developing: the price of land has been kept reasonably low, which has been favorable to building interests and good houses have multiplied in the past two years. In fact all over the more elevated portion of the city great enterprise in building interests has been shown: a few manufacturing enterprises

have been built up, and some fine business blocks, but the large part of the building has been of residences. The following tables showing the increase in valuation in the last ten years, and also increase in population from census of 1880 to 1890, are a most flattering comment on Somerville's prosperity :

	PERSONAL.	REAL ESTATE.	TOTAL.
1882,	\$1,886,600	\$21,275,600	\$23,162,200
1892,	3,112,300	31,950,800	38,093,100
Increase,	\$1,255,700	\$10,675,200	\$11,930,900
Population,	1880.	1890.	Increase.
	24,985	40,152	15,167—60%.

Showing an increase in real estate of over 61 per cent ; largely accounted for by the creation of new taxable property ; while the per cent in increase in population in ten years only falls 4% below the real estate increase. At this rapid rate of growth, it will not be many years before the desirable sites will have been occupied and Somerville will be densely populated, and Winter Hill, Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Somerville Highlands and West Somerville will be occupied and each blend to the other in unbroken occupancy.



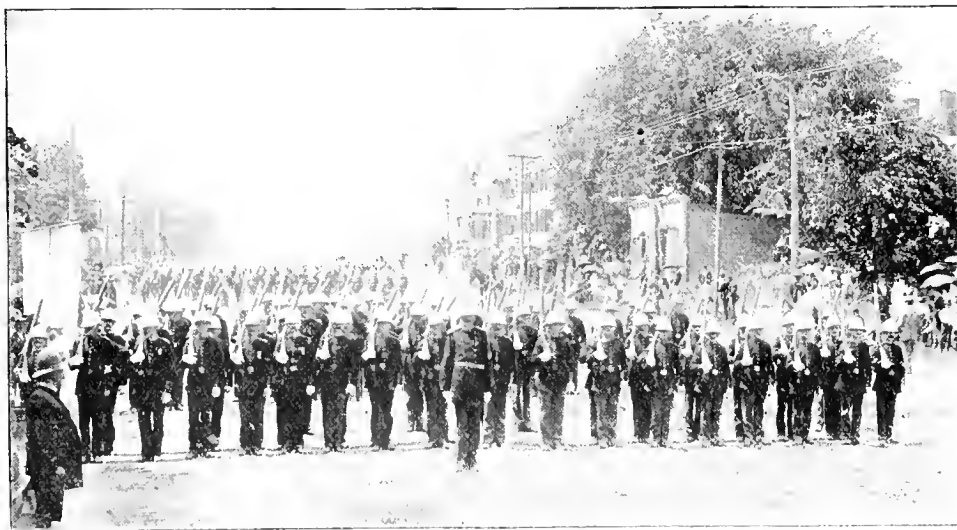
SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

On the 17th of June, 1892, was celebrated the Semi Centennial Celebration of Somerville's incorporation as a town, and was most grandly and successfully accomplished.

We regret that limited space will only allow us to give but an abbreviated review of what transpired on that memorable occasion. The origin of the movement that enlisted the citizens of

Somerville in the arduous preparations which culminated in the ceremonies of this event was so concisely and briefly stated in the address of Pres. Charles S. Lincoln, of the Citizens' Association, at the opening exercises that we quote his words:

“Early in the winter of 1891, in response to a call which appeared in the *Somerville Journal*, a meeting of citizens was held to consider the expediency of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the existence of Somerville as a separate municipality. The result was the formation of an association for that purpose, and in the appointment of appropriate committees, who were charged with the responsibility of carrying out in detail the plan which had been adopted by the association. Many meetings have been held and much work has been done by the several committees, and there has been a generous emulation in order to ensure a successful issue of the undertaking. “Upon the organization of the City Government for 1892, the proposed plan with the estimated

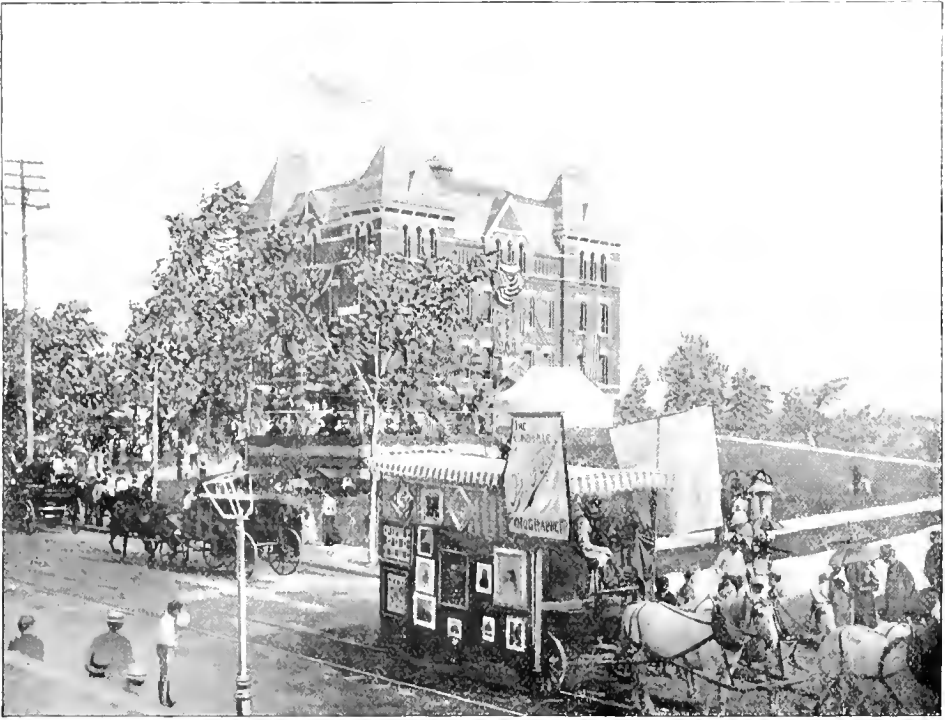


COMPANY M, 8TH REG., SOMERVILLE LIGHT INFANTRY.

expense was presented to the City Council, and an appropriation requested by the Executive Committee. The City Council responded immediately to the request, and appointed from their number committees corresponding to those made by the association, and from that time the matters pertaining to the celebration have been under the direction of the joint committees so formed.”

Months had been occupied in planning and carrying those preparatory plans into execution: all the various committees and sub-committees harmoniously working together, wrought out a success that astonished even those who were somewhat familiar with what was being attempted, and will always be remembered by participants and admiring witnesses as one of those grandly successful demonstrations so characteristic of an enterprising, successful and progressive population. Great efforts had been made in decorating the city and especially on the route of the parade—public buildings, business blocks and many private houses all alike were finely decorated with flags, streamers and bunting artistically arranged. A large grand stand had been built opposite Central Hill Park, from which point the parade was to be reviewed by the representatives of the state and city. This was also finely decorated: some of the cuts given herewith will show this feature. The day was ushered in bright and warm: the persistent efforts of numberless small boys

with their tin horns announced that Somerville's greatest day of the half century had begun and soon the booming of cannon vibrating over the hills told that Major Follett, at Ten Hills Farm, was promptly performing the duties assigned him, of firing a salute of 50 guns from his battery. The crowd was rapidly gathering at Union square and on Central Hill, where the band concert began at eight o'clock. At nine o'clock the High School building was thrown open to the crowd of eager visitors anxious to see the display of historic relics and public school work there on exhibition; this attraction drew a crowd throughout the day. As the formation of the parade was to occur at Union square, the crowd gathered rapidly at that center from all directions, steam cars, street cars and everything that could be utilized for public conveyance being taxed to its utmost capacity,



VIEW FROM GRAND STAND, JUNE 17, 1892.

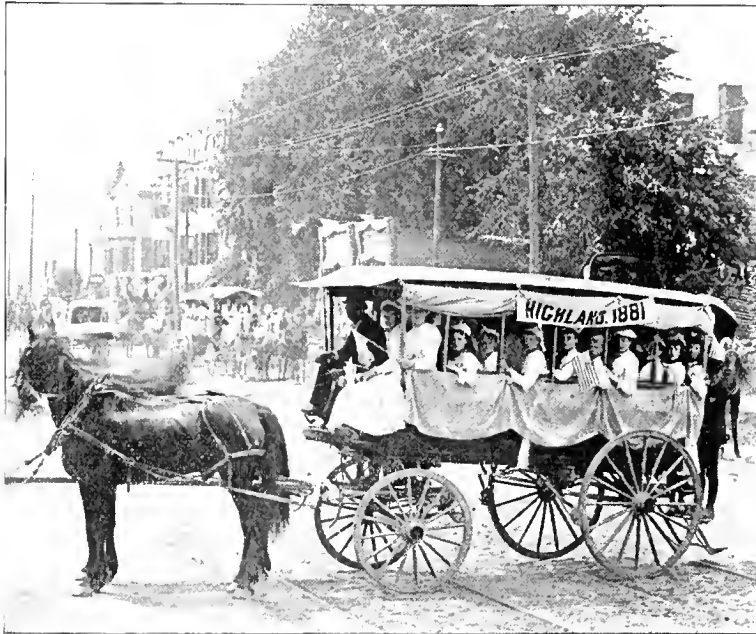
and long before the appointed hour for the line to move, the perspiring crowd had filled the sidewalks and were restlessly moving about to find some more desirable spot, perchance beneath the refreshing shade of tree or building, from which to view the interesting exhibit composing the seven divisions that were to pass in review. After some delay the bugle sounded the command, and the line began to move, headed by a platoon of police, consisting of twelve men under command of Sergeant Dow, followed by Bedford Cadet Band, 30 pieces; Boston Fusilier Veterans, 127 men, Major Henry A. Snow commanding; then came Chief Marshal Gen. Thomas S. Wentworth with his staff and aids, all mounted and presenting a very fine appearance; the divisions followed under the following order, command and class:

1st Div., Col. John Andrews, Military; 2d Div., Col. Robert Dudley, Civic; 3d Div., Col.



Albert C. Fairbanks, Cycle Clubs; 4th Div., Col. Wm. H. Ralph, Masons and I. O. O. F.; 5th Div., Col. J. Albion Briggs, other Fraternal Orders; 6th Div., Col. John S. Hayes, Schools; 7th Div., Col. James A. Litchfield, Trades.

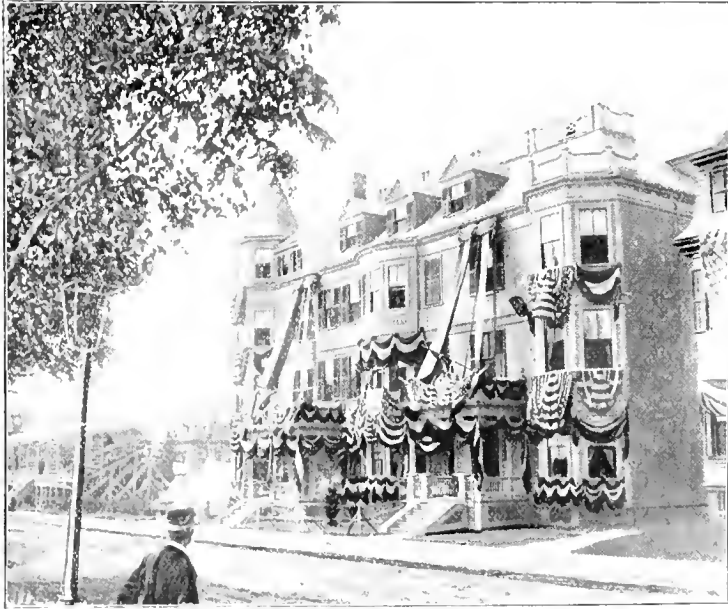
The line of march was a long and circuitous one, through Bow, Summer, Central, Medford, Dartmouth, Broadway, Mt. Vernon, Pearl, Cross, and Highland avenue to Central Hill Park, where the column was reviewed by state and city officials, and when dismissed they were in an exceedingly weary and heated condition, as the sun shone clear and hot, and early in the day the heat had become intense; the "ice cream" and "ice cool lemonade" venders reaped a rich harvest, but the lemonade cart of the North Packing and Provision Company, which was built for the occasion, secured for its owners the appreciative thanks of thousands of thirsty people who par-



SCHOOL BARGES WITH SCHOLARS REPRESENTING THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL STATES,  
JUNE 17, 1892.

took of the splendid lemonade that was dispensed all along the line of the parade. Two hundred and seventy dozen lemons and three hundred pounds of sugar were consumed in making the lemonade, keeping three men busy all day squeezing lemons, and six men in uniform in charge of a special officer dispensing the lemonade to the crowds of people. This was the "taking" feature of the day and will emphasize the fact in the memory of thousands that the North Packing and Provision Company's thirty-one teams drawn by fifty-two horses made the "biggest show" in the parade. There were very many features in the parade especially worthy of more than passing mention, but it is not our purpose to attempt a detailed review. All the line presented unbroken evidence that great expense, labor, care and taste had been bestowed upon all the preparations for this grand exhibit of the city's greatness in each of the classes represented by the seven different divisions of the parade.

The air had been extremely hot and oppressive from early in the day, but just as the time was nearing for the literary exercises to transpire in the marquee that had been erected on the Park for this occasion, suddenly the heavens became darkened, a strong wind filled the air with dust and it was at once evident that a severe storm or tornado was rapidly approaching with tremendous force and velocity. Everybody took the alarm and endeavored to gain a place of shelter. Most fortunately but few sought shelter beneath the marquee, for suddenly the storm broke upon the place in wild fury, and the large tent gave way and a portion came to the ground, but without serious injury to anyone. The storm was of short duration, but it postponed the remaining exercises of the afternoon until the next day: the programme for the evening, however, was carried



CUMBERLAND BLOCK AND GRAND STAND.

out and thousands enjoyed the band concert and fireworks on Central Hill Park in full measure. The postponed exercises were held on Saturday afternoon in the big tent, which had been put in thorough repair from the disaster of the day before. The large platform was filled with participants, members of the City Government and invited guests. Mayor William H. Hodgkins presided. The exercises were opened by an overture by the Cadet Band, after which Rev. G. W. Durell offered prayer, following which the chorals of a thousand school children, accompanied by the band, sang several selections with grand effect. The mayor made a short address and introduced the orator of the day, Hon. Geo. A. Bruce, who delivered a most eloquent oration to about three thousand people. The orator's effort was the subject of high compliment from a cultivated and appreciative audience; following the oration was sung "The Star Spangled Banner;" then followed a solo by Mrs. W. C. Bailey, grandly rendered—one of the good things of the day.

Mrs. Martha Perry Lowe then read her poem, "Fifty Years." It was rich in thought and diction, and like the oration should be carefully read and appreciated. The concert waltz, "Centennial," dedicated to the ladies of Somerville, was played by the band, followed by singing "To Thee, O Country," by 500 young ladies of the schools, and singing of America by all closed the ceremonies. The Semi-Centennial of Somerville had passed; the people went from thence to begin the history of another fifty years with the inspiration of orator and poet resting upon them, and breathing in spirit her last words,

"May we be faithful to the hour,  
And grow in beauty and in power,  
Bequeathing to the age a glorious dower."

## THE PRESS.

The composition of Somerville's population is very largely of that intellectual and progressive business class that makes it an especially favorable field for local journalistic enterprise.

That the field is thoroughly occupied will be credited, for there are three weeklies published in the city: The *Somerville Journal*, *Somerville Citizen* and *Somerville Sentinel*.

The *Somerville Journal* is the oldest, having been established in 1870 by W. A. Greenough & Co., who retained proprietorship only a short time; then followed several changes in owners; but Oct. 20, 1876, it was purchased by J. O. Hayden & Co., who continued it under that firm name until 1890, when it was incorporated under Massachusetts laws as the Somerville Journal Company, but without change in its management. The officers of the company are: William H. Hills, President; J. O. Hayden, Treasurer and Manager; William B. Lawrence, Clerk. Directors are the above officers and Edward A. Badger. Besides its newspaper plant, it has an extensive and well equipped book and job printing office. The company employs a large force in the different departments.

The management of the *Journal* has been able and progressive, independent, adhering to Republican principles, watchful of the interests of Somerville, chaste in its subject matter of a family newspaper, always a pronounced advocate of the temperance cause, and a champion of the religious and charity work of the city. It stands a leader among the suburban weekly newspapers.

The "*Somerville Journal Souvenir of the Semi-Centennial*" is an elegant testimonial of its enterprise and ability for high grade work. It was wholly put in type and printed in the *Journal* office at time of the recent celebration.

The *Somerville Citizen* is published every Friday by the Citizen Publishing Company, Citizen building, Gilman square, near Winter Hill Station. The company is organized as follows: Elmer H. Capen, President; John Herbert, Treasurer; Edwin A. Stone, Clerk; F. H. Hardison, Editor and Manager.

The *Somerville Citizen* is a bright, sparkling paper of eight pages, ably edited, and thorough in the collection of local news; it is Republican in politics, and devoted to the advancement of the city's interests. The paper is printed in good clear type and is now in its fifth volume. The company issued the Souvenir Programme of the Semi-Centennial Celebration, for June 17, 1892. It was in pamphlet form, containing 48 pages, with 24 full-page illustrations, two of which were groups of portraits of the officers of the Semi-Centennial Association; one of the chief marshal and staff; one for each division commander and staff; one for mayor and aldermen, and one for members of Common Council; one for School Board and Supt. of Schools; one for

city department officials ; one for road officers and house officers of Somerville Cycle Club ; one for the political representatives of Somerville ; one for groups of professors at Tufts College and College buildings ; others were views of Somerville. It contained a full and official programme of the celebration and was certainly a very elegant production.

The *Somerville Sentinel* is published weekly by Messrs. McDonnell Bros. at 28 Union square, and is made up for a general family newspaper, containing all the latest news of local events and the general news of the day, with some choice selections ; it is a " sentinel " doing duty for the interests of the democratic party and ably voices the principles of the party.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Somerville is located so near Boston that her financial institutions lose much patronage by this close and intimate contact with the larger interests of Boston that otherwise they would secure.

The Somerville National Bank, 58 Union square, is the only national bank in the city. Its officers are Quincy A. Vinal, President ; John A. Gale, Vice-President ; James F. Beard, Cashier ; and transacts a general banking business.

The Somerville Savings Bank is located at 57 Union square. Its President is Albion A. Perry, and Treasurer Frederic W. Stone.

Somerville Co-operative Bank, 59 Union square, was organized April 29, 1880 ; authorized capital, one million dollars. Oct. 1, 1892, its assets were about \$325 000. J. Frank Wellington, President ; George W. Snow, Vice-President ; James F. Beard, Secretary and Treasurer.

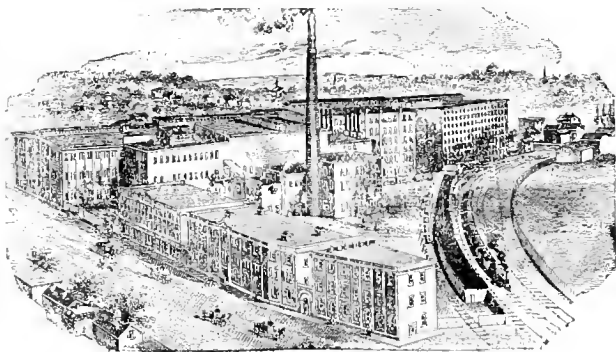
West Somerville Co-operative Bank, 3 Studio building, West Somerville. Elmer H. Capen, President ; J. Warren Bailey, Vice-President ; O. H. Perry, Secretary. Meetings for sale of money every third Monday evening in each month.

## REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN OF SOMERVILLE.

### NORTH PACKING AND PROVISION CO.,

Packers and Exporters of Provisions; Established 1855; Incorporated January 2nd, 1890; Telephone 1176; Cable Address, North; P. O. Box, 5247; Office and Store, 33 and 34 North Market Street, Boston; Slaughtering, Curing and Packing Establishment, Medford Street, Somerville.—One of the most prominent of the manufacturing interests located in the city of Somerville is that of the North Packing and Provision Co., occupying land bounded by Medford street, Somerville Avenue and Grand Junction Railroad tracks. This flourishing business was established in 1855 and came into the hands of the present proprietors, who formed a corporation January 2nd, 1890, for carrying on slaughtering, curing and packing business, with Mr. G. F. Swift, President; Mr. E. C. Swift, Treasurer and General Manager; Mr. S. Henry Skilton, Assistant Manager. This company employs over 1000 men throughout the year, and slaughters 3000

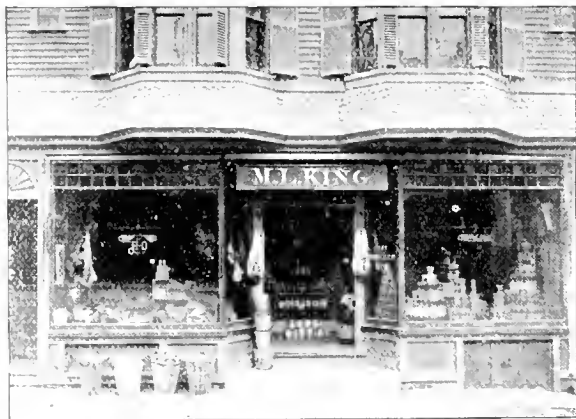
hogs or more per day, as well as curing and packing of beef for export and conducting a general jobbing business for the sale of provisions. Their business yearly amounts to over \$12,000,000, 60 per cent. of which is export trade. They make the very finest articles in the provision line produced by any firm in the United States; the superior quality of their mild cured hams, bacon and pure lard is well acknowledged both at home and abroad. They also maintain a branch of the Government Microscopic Inspection, which is under the charge of Dr. Rose of the Agricultural Department, and prepares meats for the French, German and Italian markets, where the microscopic inspection is required. Their products are favorably known all over Great Britain, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Sweden, South America and West Indies. Great care is exercised in producing the best articles in their line, and the care taken, the cleanliness and good order, as well as the excellent system in the handling of their business at Somerville, is worthy of more than a passing comment. There are no better equipped or better managed plants in all its branches than the Somerville packing house of the North Packing and Provision Co. Their buildings cover about 12 acres of ground, the main building being 605 feet long, with an average width of 150 feet, six and eight stories high. They have two mammoth refrigerators on this plant, and cool over 3,000,000 cubic feet of space and little over eight acres of floor space. Their new cold storage or refrigerator building, just completed, is 175x125 feet, 6 stories high, with a storage capacity of over 75,000 barrels. This refrigerator is artificially cooled, as well as the large refrigerator in the main building, by the Myers system of refrigeration. The ponderous ice machines, three in number, with a capacity equal to the melting of 500 tons of ice per day, are driven by three Corliss engines, with a capacity of 700 horse power. The water, of which a large quantity is used by these machines and in condensing and for other purposes about the plant, is pumped from the sea at the Fitchburg Railroad wharf by very powerful pumps, capable of throwing a 12-inch stream of water constantly when needed. The plant is lighted throughout by the Mather system; 2 dynamos, 1000 lights each, are used. The power for running the machinery of the plant is furnished by three Brown engines of total capacity of 540 horse power; 9 large boilers of 1800 horse power furnish steam for the plant. A large proportion of the output of this establishment is taken on cars at the packing house doors and taken directly to the steamers, the side tracks of the company being capable of accommodating 100 cars at a time; the Fitchburg and Grand Junction railroads, both of which have side tracks in the yards of the corporation, furnish the best facilities both for bringing the live hogs to the plant and taking the cured product from the plant to the sea-board for export. Eighty horses are used in the business to supply the local trade of the company, which is distributed all over New England and the south. These horses are cared for in a nice brick stable, 120x100 feet, adjacent also to which is the repair shop, 125x80 feet. The firm also has a large wholesale and retail market on the plant, 125x80 feet, as well as large machine rooms for the accommodation of boilers, engines, ice machines and large machinist shop. The buildings are all of brick, and present a neat, attractive appearance to the passer-by, as well as a very neat and finely cared for condition where the work is progressing. This firm also employs about 100 coopers in their cooper shops, which are about one quarter of a mile distant, and are nicely equipped to manufacture the tierces, boxes and tin pails used by the establishment. Their splendid two and three horse teams passing on the street attract favorable comment and attention. Their place is as a whole one of the best conducted and managed in the United States, of which industry so well conducted Somerville may well feel proud. The above cut of their works gives a general idea of the appearance of the buildings.





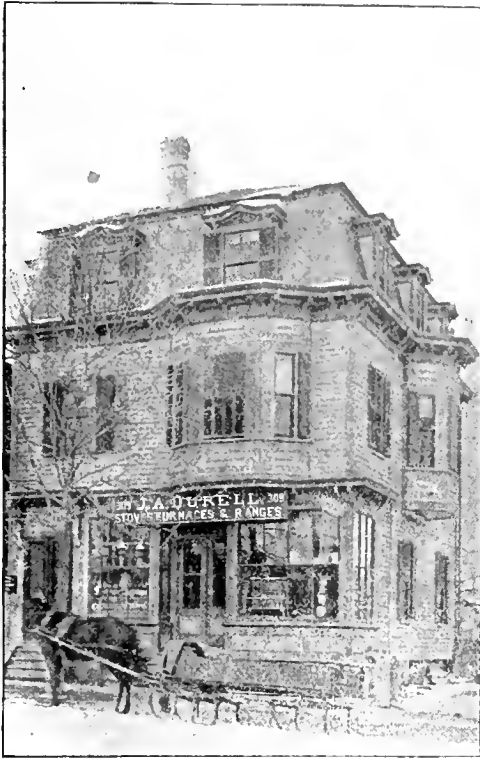
Green Brothers, located on Vine street, for this enterprise was started by them in 1883, and has long held a leading position among other establishments of the kind in this vicinity, and it is but fair to say that the enviable reputation of the undertaking is fully maintained at the present day. Very spacious and well equipped green-houses are utilized, and cut flowers, floral emblems, wedding bouquets, funeral designs, etc., are offered in great variety and at the lowest prevailing prices, while the facilities are so extensive that the largest orders can be satisfactorily filled at very short notice. Messrs. Walter J. and George R. Green are very well known in Somerville and vicinity, and the success of their business is due to the just and honest dealings pursued by them during the past nine years.

**M. L. KING, Groceries and Provisions.** No. 33 Central Square, Somerville, Mass.—The business of which Mr. M. L. King is proprietor was founded by him in 1870, and has steadily developed until it has reached quite extensive proportions. He is a dealer in groceries and provisions of all descriptions, being well prepared to furnish first-class goods at reasonable prices. The premises utilized measure 30x50 feet in dimensions and a cellar, and are very conveniently fitted up, enabling orders to be filled at short notice and in a thoroughly accurate and satisfactory manner. The stock is so uniformly good that it is difficult to single out certain articles for individual mention, but Mr. King intends to cut the very best meat to be found in the market, and we may at least call attention to the assortment of teas, coffees and spices, these being of standard purity, of fine and delicious flavor and of comparatively low cost, and those who appreciate good butter and cheese should certainly test the goods offered by Mr. King at No. 33 Central Square, who is a native of North Whitfield, Maine, and has been in trade for 26 years.



**JOSEPH J. GILES, Real Estate and Insurance,** 34 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—As the country becomes older and more thickly settled, investments in real estate become more and more desirable, and that this fact is appreciated is shown by the steadily increasing popularity of such investments, and particularly of investments in real estate located in or adjacent to large cities. If ordinary care be exercised in the choice of property so located, the chance of loss is so small as to be practically inconsiderable, while the chance of profit due to the increase in values brought about by growth of population is so great as to be almost a surety. It goes without saying that intending investors will best serve their own interests by making use of the services of a reliable agent thoroughly familiar with local conditions, and in this connection it is fitting we should make mention of Mr. Joseph J. Giles, for he has carried on operations in Somerville since 1876 and ranks with the best-known real estate agents in this section. Mr. Giles buys, sells and exchanges city and country property and is prepared to collect claims and rents and to assume the entire charge of property if desired. He is a constable, notary public and justice of the peace and is in a position to discharge any of the duties attaching to those offices promptly, carefully and discreetly. Titles will be examined and mortgages negotiated at moderate rates, intelligent and faithful service being assured and the interests of clients being fully protected. Mr. Giles is also prepared to place insurance at short notice and at the lowest rates. He represents the following leading companies: Union of Philadelphia, Westchester of New York, American of Boston, Niagara of New York. That Mr. Giles is prominently and favorably known is sufficiently evidenced by the fact that he served in the last session of the legislature, his second term, where he was on the committees on insurance, administrative boards, and commissions.

**GREEN BROS., Florists,** Vine Street, Somerville, Mass.—The great increase in the demand for flowers of late years is one of the most noticeable indications of the pronounced gain in culture which is so evident on every side and which is so astonishing to foreign critics of this country, who are unable to understand how culture can be so general in a land where practically every one works for a living and there is no recognized aristocracy. Flowers are now in demand for all occasions, whether for joy or for sorrow, and everyone who goes into society at all will find it very useful to know where appropriate floral designs can be obtained without delay at moderate prices. Many residents of Somerville are already acquainted with the establishment of Messrs.



**J. A. DURELL**, Dealer in Stoves, Furnaces and Ranges, Kitchen Furnishing Goods, Builders' Hardware, Stove Linings and Castings, Lamps, Chimneys, Oil, Etc., Painters' Supplies, Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Worker; Plumbing, Gas Fitting and Jobbing; 309 Broadway, Winter Hill, Somerville.—The business with which Mr. J. A. Durell is now identified with was founded a great many years ago by T. W. Littlefield, and so conducted until 1876, when the present proprietor took control. He is a native of Boston and extremely well known throughout Somerville as an enterprising merchant. He carries a large and varied stock, and it would be difficult to name anything in the line of stoves, furnaces and ranges or kitchen furnishing goods that is not to be had at this establishment. The premises in use are one floor and basement, with a part of the second floor, 25x85 feet in dimensions, and are very conveniently located at No. 309 Broadway, Winter Hill. Employment is given to nine competent assistants, and no trouble is spared to assure prompt service to all, so that those who realize "that time is money" make it a point to trade here whenever possible. As for the prices they are as low as the lowest. Mr. Durell deals in all kinds of builders' hardware, stove linings and castings, lamps, chimneys, oil, etc., painters' supplies; tin, sheet iron and copper worker, and gives his close personal attention to plumbing, gas fitting, and jobbing of all kinds connected with his business, and guarantees that all work entrusted to him shall be done in a most satisfactory manner.

**W. H. JARVIS**, Crockery, Glass, Tin and Wooden ware at Boston Prices, 47 Cross Street, East Somerville.—This enterprise was started in 1890 by the present proprietor, Mr. W. H. Jarvis, who is a native of Salem, Mass., and the most significant evidence that can be given concerning the character and popularity of this house is that afforded by the fact that it is rapidly becoming known throughout this section as the headquarters for tinware, crockery and glassware, lamps and lamp goods, confectionery, cakes and pastry, wooden ware, etc. Daily and weekly papers are sold here,

also a fine line of 5 and 10 cent goods. So pronounced a success is not to be gained without hard and intelligent work, and Mr. Jarvis has certainly worked hard, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that his efforts are appreciated by the general public, and is therefore encouraged to continue his efforts with renewed vigor. The premises made use of at No. 47 Cross Street comprise one floor, 18x30 feet in dimensions. The stock, which is extensive and varied, consists in part of glassware, crockery, etc., tinware and other kitchen furnishings, including the latest novelties as well as a full line of those staple goods that are always in demand. A large stock of choice confectionery, cakes and pastry, fresh and appetizing, are always to be found here, while courteous attention is given to all customers. Goods are delivered to all parts of the city.

**MRS. A. M. YOUNG**, Millinery, 3 Medina Building, West Somerville, Mass.—One of the most attractive stocks of Millinery Goods, Ribbons, Laces, French Flowers, trimmed and untrimmed Hats and Bonnets to be found in this city is that displayed at the establishment of Mrs. A. M. Young. This lady has had an extended experience in this line of business, having before coming here in 1889 given seven years to it in Yarmouth, Maine, some time in Lowell, Mass., and six years in Boston, and has acquired a high reputation for taste and skill in selecting and adjusting the proper shape, color and shade to the peculiarities of each patron, hence it is not to be wondered at that she enjoys a large and select patronage and employs from 3 to 6 assistants, according to the season. She established her business here in 1889 and occupies a store at No. 3 Medina Building, which is very centrally located and tastefully arranged, and the stock is attractively displayed. Mrs. Young is a native of Tennessee, and has a host of friends and patrons in this city.

**FRED. E. MORRISON**, House and Sign Painter, No. 45 Broadway, East Somerville.—It is a good policy to keep a house well painted, even aside from the question of appearances, for the severe climate of this section will soon rot or otherwise injure woodwork not protected by several good coats of paint, and the damage when once done is practically impossible to repair. A good job of painting will wear for several years even in the most exposed situations, and in this, as in many other things, the "best is the cheapest," for cheap painting is a delusion and a fraud. In order to secure first-class results a first-class painter must be patronized, and none is more deserving of being ranked as first-class in this vicinity than is Mr. Fred E. Morrison, doing business at No. 45 Broadway. He only employs thoroughly skillful workmen and is well prepared to fill all orders for house, sign and fresco painting in a prompt and thoroughly competent manner. Mr. Morrison is very moderate in his prices, the rates being as low as are consistent with the use of carefully chosen stock and the employment of skilled labor. House painting in all its branches, graining, glazing and paper hanging are most thoroughly understood and artistically executed, and no firm in Somerville is better prepared to do a first-class job at reasonable rates than is Mr. Morrison. The shop and sales room occupied is well located at 45 Broadway street, where may be found a good stock of paper hangings, borders and painters' stock, which are sold and laid at bottom prices.



**WM. A. WHITNEY, Druggist, 300 Broadway, Somerville.**—The business conducted by Mr. Wm. A. Whitney has held its present position for so long a time that it is safe to say no one at all familiar with Somerville can be unacquainted with it. This business was started by the present proprietor in 1886. There is probably no other branch of trade known to commerce in which so great a responsibility is incurred as there is in that carried on by the druggist. Dealing as he does in drugs and chemicals unfamiliar to the general public, many of which agents are deadly in their effects when used in certain quantities, or when combined improperly with other materials, he must rely entirely and absolutely on the knowledge, care and skill of himself and employees, for the assurance that by no fault of his or those for whom he is morally if not legally responsible shall the life or even the comfort of the hundreds whom he daily serves be endangered. This store, managed by Mr. Whitney, is an example of what a prescription pharmacist should be. The premises, located at No. 300 Broadway, are 20x40 feet in dimensions, and contain a valuable stock of drugs and chemicals.



**F. E. CHENEY & CO., Groceries and Provisions, Choice Vermont Butter a Specialty, No. 8 Marshall Street, Odd Fellows' Building, Somerville.**—There is a familiar old saying to the effect that a stream cannot rise higher than its source, and it is equally true that the retail establishments devoted to any special line of business cannot offer first-class inducements if they are obliged to depend upon second-class houses to furnish them with their supplies. It is therefore clear that every resident of Somerville and vicinity is directly interested in the character of the local retail grocery houses, for groceries rank with the necessities of life, and it is of the first importance to be able to buy them to the best possible advantage. The concern known as F. E. Cheney & Co. may justly be regarded as the representative grocery house of this city, for the enterprise they conducted

is of long and honorable standing, having been carried on for many years by Messrs. E. A. Bailey & Co. previous to the present firm assuming control. Extensive premises are occupied in Odd Fellows' Block at the corner of Broadway and Marshall streets, covering the ground floor and cellar 25x50 feet in dimensions, where a large stock is carried at all times, it being made up of staple and fancy groceries and provisions, choice Vermont butter a specialty, and all being remarkably complete in every department. Mr. Cheney is a native of Nashua, N. H., and is in a position to quote bottom prices as well as for handling goods that will give the best satisfaction to the most select trade.

**E. SCHUEBELER, Dealer in Dry, Fancy and Housekeeping Goods, 46 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.**—It is very seldom that the average person stops to think why he or she prefers to patronize a certain store, for the majority of us simply trade where we feel that we are "used the best" without analyzing the particular advantages offered, but if a regular customer of Mrs. E. Schuebeler were to state why he or she dealt with that lady in preference to others, one of the first reasons given would undoubtedly be "because of the exceptional quality and variety of the stock of dry and fancy goods, etc., for truly there are few houses in this section of the state making a better showing in that important respect. The prices are right, too, and a sufficient force of assistants is employed to assure prompt and careful attention to every caller,—another important factor in the sum-total of popularity. This business was founded by Mr. John Anderson many years ago, who was succeeded by Mr. W. Schuebeler 11 years ago, who continued it until his death in 1890, and is now under the control of Mrs. Schuebeler, who is very well known throughout Somerville and vicinity. The store occupied is located at 46 Union Square, covering an area of 1,000 square feet, and contains, in addition to a full assortment of dry and fancy goods, a complete line of housekeeping goods. Bottom prices rule in every department of the business and we need hardly add that every article is guaranteed to prove as represented.



**MRS. J. C. NOURSE**, Dealer in Dry and Fancy Goods, 10 and 11 Medina Building, West Somerville, Mass.—The establishment now carried on by Mrs. J. C. Nourse was opened to the public by her in 1887. She is a native of Portland, Me. This lady is individually well and favorably known in business and social circles of West Somerville, but the establishment of which she is the proprietress is even better known and its name has for years been synonymous with those enterprising but strictly legitimate and honorable methods which if long enough continued are sure to have the result they have had in the present instance—the building up of a patronage which is “select” in the true sense of that much abused word, inasmuch as it is accorded by careful and discriminating buyers, who can see and appreciate sterling advantages and who are not to be deceived by loud professions of “cheapness” and of wonderful bargains, but use the powers of observation and judgment, which are essential in really judicious and successful “shopping.” Mrs. Nourse occupies spacious and well equipped premises, numbered 10 and 11 Medina Building, Davis Square, and employs three competent assistants, so that despite the magnitude of her business callers are assured immediate and intelligent attention. Among the most prominent commodities dealt in are Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, Toys, and Fancy Goods of all kinds, also choice confectionery and stationery, in both of which a good trade is enjoyed. The stock carried must be seen to be appreciated, for it would be quite impossible to give any adequate description of it in the limited space at our disposal. Suffice it to say that it is exceptionally complete in every department; that it embraces the leading fashionable novelties, and that the prices quoted on the goods comprising it will bear the most searching comparison with those named elsewhere on articles of similar grade.

**PHILIP EBERLE**, Retail Dealer in all kinds of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, Fine Repairing a specialty, 24 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—Such of our readers as are at all familiar with the origin and development of the modern factory-made shoe need not be told that a man who has retailed Boots and Shoes for over thirty years began in operations when the average “sale shoe” was a coarse and rude affair, and has seen factory-made footwear steadily improve until the finer grades compare favorably with good custom work. Such a man obviously should be well acquainted with the peculiarities of each leading make of footwear and should be prepared to render his customer valuable assistance in picking out goods to suit them, and as Mr. Philip Eberle has had the experience referred to, it follows that those who trade with him have the benefit of expert advice if they wish it, and at all events have the opportunity to choose from a stock selected with exceptional ability and care. Mr. Eberle was born in Germany and began business in Somerville in 1857. His store is located at 24 Union Square, and contains a complete assortment of Ladies', Gents', Misses', Boys' and Infants' Footwear. Fine repairing is made a specialty, and as two well-informed assistants are employed callers are assured prompt and courteous attention, also fully warranted goods at absolutely bottom prices.

**G. M. FORTIN**, House and Sign Painter, also Graining and Glazing, 310 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—The appearance of a house depends so greatly upon the manner in which it is painted that it is well worth while to exercise careful discrimination in the placing of orders for such work, and in this connection we take pleasure in calling attention to the facilities possessed by Mr. G. M. Fortin, located at 310 Somerville Avenue, for he is prepared to do all kinds of House and Sign Painting in a thoroughly workmanlike and durable manner, at short notice and at moderate rates. Mr. Fortin has had thorough and practical experience in every detail of his present line of business. He is very generally and favorably known throughout Somerville and vicinity, where he has gained an enviable reputation for faithfully carrying out every agreement, he having filled various important contracts to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned. Employment is given to only capable assistants, and orders for house and sign painting, graining and glazing are assured prompt and careful attention, whether given in person or sent by mail.

**HUGH GALLAGHER**, Billiard and Pool Room, 341 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—There is no difficulty in finding a place to play billiards or pool in, but the question is, where shall one be found that will suit you? Well, of course, that depends largely upon your individual tastes, but assuming that you like to play on first-class tables, amid luxurious surroundings and in a place where genial companionship may be had, we can give you no better advice than to visit the fine billiard and pool room located at 341 Somerville Avenue. This establishment was opened to the public in 1884, and has been conducted by its present proprietor, Mr. Hugh Gallagher, since that date. The premises occupied cover an area of 1000 square feet and are nicely furnished and arranged, containing two billiard and three pool tables. Employment is given to polite assistants, and everything in and about the establishment—tables, cues, balls, racks, and all—are kept in good condition and rendered suitable for the best class of trade catered to. Mr. Gallagher is ever striving to accommodate his friends and patrons, and indeed there are few of his patrons but what are also his friends. He provides a fine line of cigars and tobacco and good accommodations, and is very moderate in his charges.

**W. E. PLUMER & CO.**, Successors to H. W. Raymond, Hardware, Cutlery and Tools, Paints, Oils, Varnishes and Window Glass, Woodenware and Baskets; Electrical Appliances a specialty; connected by telephone; W. E. Plumer—Frank E. Fitts, 52 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—There is probably no mercantile enterprise in Somerville that holds a more unquestionably leading position in its special line than does that conducted by Messrs. W. E. Plumer & Co., for since the inception of this undertaking it has steadily and rapidly developed in all its departments, and long since attained very considerable magnitude. Operations were begun by H. W. Raymond, who was succeeded by the present firm in 1889. The individual members of the firm are W. E. Plumer and Frank E. Fitts, both gentlemen being very generally known here in social and business circles. The premises occupied are located at 52 Union Square, comprising one floor and basement, each 1,000 square feet in dimensions, and contains an extremely large and complete stock, made up of Hardware, Cutlery and Tools of all kinds. Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Window Glass, Woodenware and Baskets are also included in the stock handled, while a specialty is made of Electrical Appliances. Messrs. W. E. Plumer & Co. are in a position to fill every order, large or small, without delay and at the lowest rates consistent with the handling of first-class goods. Employment is given to three assistants and goods are promptly shipped to any address. Orders by mail or telephone are assured as accurate and careful attention as those given in person.

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**SOMERVILLE HORSE INFIRMARY**, Dr. A. J. Herrick, R. C. V. S., Proprietor; open all night; telephone, 59-3; corner Elm and Russell Streets, West Somerville, Mass.—It is hard to get it through the heads of some men that a horse is not a kind of a machine that will stand any amount of hard service and even abuse without injury, and such persons are always very much surprised when a horse breaks down from overwork, or contracts some disease which seriously impairs his value. Even with the best of care Horses are liable to become more or less seriously ill, and therefore the services of an educated and experienced Veterinary Surgeon are not only of great utility but are practically an absolute necessity in every community where horses are largely used. It is neither humane nor economical to deny to a sick horse the speedy chance of recovery afforded by the treatment given by such a practitioner, and if some of those who pride themselves on their shrewdness in never having paid a cent for medical advice for their animals were to figure out the loss they incurred by having their horses lie idle longer than would otherwise have been necessary, they would change their opinion of their own sagacity. Among Surgeons located in this city none occupy a higher position than Dr. A. J. Herrick, Proprietor of the Somerville Horse Infirmary at the corner of Elm and Russell Streets, West Somerville. He has had an extended and varied experience, covering a term of 20 years, and is a graduate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgery of England, and also is a thorough chemist, and hence brings to the duties of his profession a thorough veterinary education enriched by years of practical experience. Horse owners would do well to note these facts as well as his address, so as to be prepared to call upon him in case of need, as delay in some cases means total loss of valuable animals.

**MISS C. E. COBB**, French Millinery, Ladies', Children's and Infants' Hats and Bonnets, Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, etc.; Mourning Goods a Specialty. No. 35 1-2 Union Square, next door to St. Thomas' Church, Somerville, Mass.—One of the most attractive establishments in this vicinity devoted to the sale of French millinery goods is that of which Miss C. E. Cobb is the proprietress. This lady is a native of Foxboro, Mass., and is well adapted to manage the enterprise which she has undertaken. She began operations here at Somerville in 1875, and has gained an enviable reputation for superior business methods and unsurpassed skill in her work. Her millinery parlors are located at 35 1-2 Union Square (next door to St. Thomas' Church). A well selected and varied stock of French millinery goods of all kinds is to be obtained here, including ladies', children's and infants' hats and bonnets, flowers, feathers, ribbons, etc., and are offered at prices that are surprisingly low when the quality of the goods is taken into consideration. Miss Cobb employs three experienced assistants, and assures all customers prompt and polite attention. She guarantees all goods leaving her establishment to prove exactly as represented. Her parlors contain a fine assortment of the latest styles in fashionable millinery, a specialty being made of mourning goods. All who have had business dealings with Miss Cobb have expressed themselves in the highest terms of praise, and we can safely say that those who will call at her establishment will have no cause for regret. Miss Cobb has had 21 years' experience in the business.

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**SIMON CONNOR**, Merchant Tailor, 38 Union Square, corner of Bow Street, Somerville, Mass.—To many people a suit of clothes is a suit of clothes, and that is all there is to it; they apparently believe that if a certain quantity of material is used, it makes no difference how it is put together so long as it takes the shape of a suit, and hence are easily imposed upon by such dealers as are disposed to work off their goods more by their appearance when new than by their real merits. It may be taken as an axiom that the \$5.00 spent for superior workmanship and trimmings are invested to better advantage than any other portion of the purchase money, and those who will accept and act on this hint will find their reward in improved appearance and superior durability of their wearing apparel. To assure the best of material put together in the most skillful manner, an establishment of repute must be patronized, and none better can be chosen than that conducted by Mr. Connor at 38 Union Square, corner of Bow Street. This undertaking was established by its present proprietor in 1875 and has been steadily prosecuted with constantly increasing success. Mr. Connor is very well known throughout Somerville and vicinity and has that thorough understanding of his business so essential to the highest success. A heavy stock is carried of foreign and domestic cloths, and first-class clothing is made to order, a perfect fit and good workmanship being guaranteed. Competent assistants are employed and equitable rates prevail, while every order is given prompt and careful attention.

**E. B. MORGAN**, Real Estate and Mortgages, also Fire Insurance Agent, Houses built on easy terms in all parts of the city, 317 Somerville Avenue (Union Square), Somerville, Mass.—A great deal of utterly unnecessary work, worry and delay is to be avoided by judicious use of existing facilities, and this is especially the case as regards the purchase, sale, etc., of real estate, for the value of the services that can be rendered by a thoroughly well-informed and reliable real estate agent can scarcely be overestimated, and indeed is so obvious that it is difficult to understand how any reasonable person can fail to appreciate it. Among Somerville business men most prominently identified with the handling of real estate, Mr. E. B. Morgan holds a leading position, and such of our readers as are well informed concerning the real estate interests of the city will endorse the statement that he is prepared to offer unsurpassed facilities to intending investors and to owners wishing to dispose of their property or to negotiate mortgages upon it. Mr. Morgan represents the German American, Providence and Washington fire insurance companies and is prepared to place insurance for large or small amounts to the best possible advantage, but this may be called a "side issue," for his main business is the buying and selling of real estate and the negotiation of mortgages. He is connected with the well-known contracting and building firm of S. & C. H. Williams, and will build houses in any part of the city on easy terms; full information being given on application at his office, No. 317 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.

**CHARLES A. HOLMES**, Stoves, Ranges, Furnaces and Kitchen Furnishings, Repairs for Ranges and Furnaces constantly on hand, Tin, Hollow Ware, &c., Plumbing, Gas Fitting and Jobbing, Tin Roofing and Conductor work a specialty; Union Square, junction Somerville Avenue and Washington Street, Somerville, Mass.—Of late years there have been great improvements in certain lines of manufacture, and in no industry has much greater progress been made than in that relating to the production of Stoves and Ranges. Some of the parlor stoves now on the market combine beauty and efficiency to a remarkable degree, but there are others which are of but little use except for purely ornamental purposes, for their designers in attaining beauty of form and decoration seriously injured the heating qualities. However, there is no need of purchasing a stove defective in any respect and the best way to avoid doing so is to buy of such a dealer as Mr. Chas. A. Holmes, for he has had sufficient experience to be thoroughly familiar with the leading styles of Heating and Cooking Stoves, and he handles none which he has reason to believe will not give satisfaction. This enterprise was founded many years ago by Mr. Chas. Holmes, father of the present proprietor, who took its management in 1886, and the premises utilized by him and located on Union Square are 50 x 50 feet in size, and a stock of Stoves, Ranges, Furnaces and Kitchen Furnishings, Tin Ware, etc., is constantly carried. Sanitary house plumbing is the most important of Mr. Holmes' business, for Plumbing, Gas Fitting and Jobbing, Tin Roofing and Conductor work are a specialty. The lowest prices are quoted. Employment is given to six competent and reliable workmen and all orders receive prompt attention.

= G. A. WALKER, =

## HOUSE PAINTER, &amp;

Shop and Residence, No. 9 Loring Street, Somerville, Mass.

*All Work Promptly and Satisfactorily Done.*

Among the many firms in the city of Somerville doing house painting mention should be made in this review of its business men of Mr. G. A. Walker, whose shop and residence are at No. 9 Loring street, for he has long been known in Somerville, having been here for 23 years. He makes a specialty of house painting, giving all work constant personal supervision, and employs only from 4 to 6 men, so that he can easily guarantee that his work shall be done in first-class shape and strictly according to agreement.

**HOTEL WARREN**, Union Square, S. D. Carter, Proprietor, Somerville, Mass.—The term "first class" is so loosely applied to hotels by guide books, newspaper correspondents, and writers in general, that it has come to mean not much of anything, and therefore when we say the Hotel Warren is a strictly first-class hotel we are aware that many of our readers will feel no wiser regarding its real rank than they were before. But we use the term in its true sense, for this house is literally first-class in every respect, in its location, its size, its arrangements, its furnishings, its service, its cuisine and its management. It is a three-story structure, located on Union Square, and contains forty sleeping rooms. Hotel Warren has been carried on by its present proprietor, Mr. S. D. Carter, since 1874, and is fairly entitled to a place in the front ranks of our hotels in this section of the state. There is an excellent livery stable connected with the hotel and teams for business or pleasure purposes may be obtained at very short notice and at reasonable rates. Mr. S. D. Carter is a native of Nova Scotia, and gives close personal attention to the supervision of affairs, and as a sufficient number of competent assistants are employed the service is uniformly prompt and efficient. The table is supplied with an abundant variety of the best the market affords, and the cooking is such as to satisfy the most fastidious. The terms of the Hotel Warren are moderate, special accommodation being made for families and permanent guests. Mr. Carter is also proprietor of the confectionery and cigar store which adjoins the hotel, and where the public will find that all goods dealt in will prove just as represented in every respect.

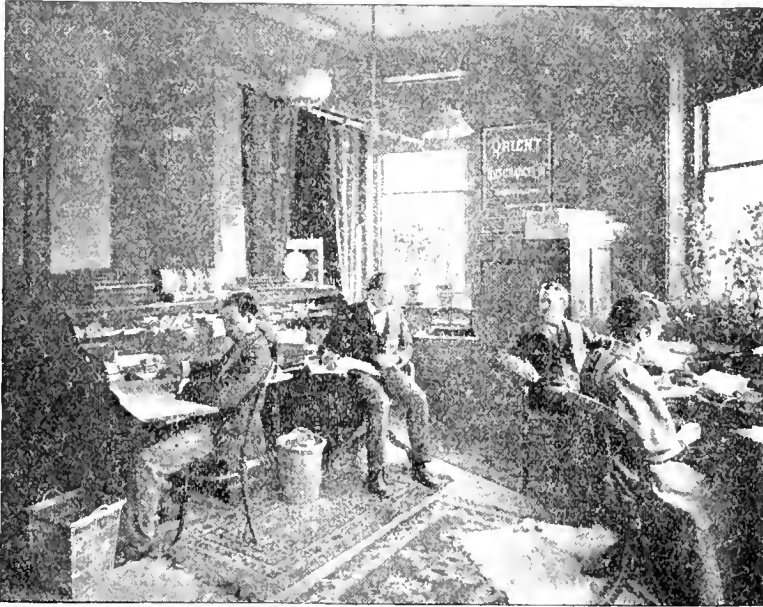
**WILLIAM A. FRINK**, Funeral Director, 17 Holland Street, 47 Chandler Street, West Somerville.—The custom which has been introduced of late years, of entrusting the entire charge of all the many details incidental to a funeral to a competent funeral director, has so much to recommend it that it is not surprising it should become the rule rather than the exception. The results attained depend of course entirely upon the skill, thoughtfulness and tact of the director employed, and in this connection we may properly call attention to the facilities at the command of Mr. William A. Frink, located at 17 Holland Street, near the depot at West Somerville. Mr. Frink is prepared to take full charge of funerals, as Director, Undertaker and Embalmer, attending to every detail and incident from the preparing of the body for burial until its interment. Funeral furnishings of every description will be furnished at the very lowest cost. Mr. Frink enjoys such relations with the wholesale houses that he can furnish anything desired, even to the most elaborate and costly furnishings, at an hour's notice, hence he does not carry much in stock and thus has no shopworn goods to dispose of. Mr. Frink is assisted when necessary by Mrs. Frink, who is also a practical embalmer, and both are prepared to serve the public at any hour desired, day or night, and satisfaction is always guaranteed.

**BAXTER D. KELLEY**, Dining and Lunch Rooms, 1 Medina Building, West Somerville, Mass.—The establishment whose card we print above was established in 1890 by the present proprietor, Mr. Baxter D. Kelley, who is a native of Cape Cod and who has shown enterprise by the way he has conducted this new enterprise in this rapidly growing portion of Somerville. The Dining Room is at No. 1 Medina Building, on the same floor with the local Post Office and has seating capacity for forty guests, and is well lighted and attractive, and as the food supplied here is of the best the market affords, excellent in quality, varied in kind, well cooked and well served, it is not surprising that a good patronage is enjoyed, which requires the service of three assistants. Mr. Kelley gives close personal supervision to his business and looks sharp after the wishes and comfort of his guests, hence it follows that No. 1 Medina Building is a good place to visit when a palatable and satisfying meal or lunch is desired. The prices are very low considering the excellence of the accommodations afforded. Regular dinners are served for 25 cents; lunches at all hours; best brands of cigars and tobacco.

**UNION SQUARE BAKERY**, E. O. Varney, Proprietor, 41 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—Among the varied industries pursued in Somerville, the Union Square Bakery holds a prominent place in the trade centre. This enterprise was started in 1888 by its present proprietor, Mr. Ernest O. Varney, who during the time since elapsed has most ably managed his establishment. The Union Square Bakery is located at 41 Union Square, and is of spacious dimensions. The energies of the house are devoted to the manufacture of bread, cake and pastry of all kinds, a specialty being made of filling orders for any quantity at short notice, the extensive business transacted requiring the services of 16 thoroughly capable assistants and five teams. Therefore we take pleasure in calling the attention of our many readers to this first-class and thoroughly reliable establishment. The proprietor, Mr. E. O. Varney, is very well known throughout Somerville, and we feel justified in commending both the establishment and its wide-awake proprietor to the favorable attention of all housekeepers and others desirous of finding a first-class bakery, whose products can be implicitly relied upon.

# H. W. P. COLSON, Real Estate and Mortgages,

Connor's Block, Union Square, Somerville, and 28 State St., Boston,

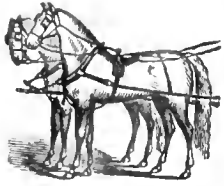


Interior View of the Somerville Office.

Is undoubtedly at the present time doing the largest REAL ESTATE business in Somerville. He devotes his entire time to the selling of Real Estate of all kinds, and negotiating mortgages therefor. A list on his books, comprising over one hundred estates, enables him to locate any one desiring a home. He also plans and builds many and very desirable houses, of both medium and high grades, for sale, or to order, if desired; rarely having less than five or six in process of erection. Being fully up with the times, he is situated financially so that if easy terms are desired, they can be arranged to suit, even sometimes selling with only \$100 paid down, thus enabling every one to procure a home. The larger part of Mr. Colson's business, however, is dealing in high class property, ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000.

**MR. I. F. SYMONDS**, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and a thoroughly reliable and competent salesman, having been connected with this office over two years, devotes his time exclusively to selling, exchanging, renting and negotiating mortgages. He can always be found at the Boston office from 12 to 2.

Mr. Colson has long been considered at the head of the Fire Insurance Agents having local offices, and this spring, finding it impossible to attend to all the details, has transferred the larger part of his Insurance business to **MR. E. A. BINNEY**, a former employee, who has proved himself capable and deserving the position he now holds, as Agent for six of the largest Fire Insurance Companies, with combined assets of over \$10,000,000. He is also agent for the largest Life, Accident and Employers' Liability Insurance Companies in the world. He, or a representative, can always be found at the Somerville Office; being the only Insurance Agent doing an exclusive Insurance business, with his only office in Union Square, he deserves the large patronage he is receiving.



## JAMES T. FITZGERALD,

(SANBORN'S OLD STAND)

### HACK, LIVERY, BOARDING AND SALE STABLE,

343 SOMERVILLE AVENUE.

Telephone, 45-2.

Particular Attention given to Boarding Family Horses. Horses Bought and Sold.

The majority of those who patronize livery stables are not unreasonable and therefore do not expect to be furnished with horses that can trot in 2.30, or with carriages that look as though they had never been used; but even the best natured customer may be excused for kicking when he is supplied with the lame apology for a horse and the antediluvian vehicle which some public stable keepers seem to think ought to be entirely satisfactory. It is very poor policy to force patrons to put up with such "accommodations," for it has a tendency to disgust them with hiring teams and to cause them either to give up driving or to get a turnout of their own. We think that the methods followed by Mr. James T. Fitzgerald might be properly imitated by some other stable keepers whom we could name, for he spares no pains to keep a sufficiency of desirable teams on hand for livery purposes, and although he makes no extravagant claims, still his rigs will compare favorably with the average private turnout in this vicinity. Mr. Fitzgerald also conducts a hack stable, which furnishes first-class services for all occasions, public or private. A prominent feature of his business is the furnishing of a fine class of sale horses for both driving or working purposes and at prices as low as can be named by any dealer for horses of equal value. The premises utilized are spacious and well arranged at 343 Somerville Avenue, west of Union Square. A general hack, boarding, livery and sale stable business is done. The charges are uniformly moderate and the service very good.

**J. B. RUFER, Professional Horseshoer,** in connection with Dr. A. J. Herrick's Horse Infirmary; Telephone 59-3; Cor. Elm and Russell Streets, West Somerville, Mass.—If every one who pretends to be a competent horse-shoer were really what he claims to be, it would be an excellent thing for horses, to say nothing of their owners, for it is a notorious fact that many a valuable animal has been crippled and in some instances ruined by improper shoeing. Too much care cannot be taken to entrust such work to thoroughly skillful and reliable hands, and as first-class horse-shoers are by no means common, we take special pleasure in calling attention to the shop carried on by Mr. J. B. Rufer, and located at the corner of Elm and Russell Streets, for Mr. Rufer is a professional Horse-Shoer in the full sense of the term, for he suits his work to the requirements of the animal and spares no pains to attain the best results possible. He was born in Switzerland, where he served three years' apprenticeship, and founded his present business in West Somerville in 1891. Mr. Rufer's shop is very completely fitted up, and as employment is given to an ample force of assistants all orders are assured prompt and careful attention. Horses will be cared for and safely taken home, and particular attention is given to shoeing lame and interfering horses, the source of trouble being looked up and removed if possible. Mr. Rufer has telephone connection 59-3 with Dr. A. J. Herrick's Horse Infirmary. All Horse-Shoeing entrusted to his care will be done in a thoroughly satisfactory and workmanlike manner, and moderate charges are made in every instance.

**PEOPLE'S CONFECTIONERY and Employment Office, Mrs. A. I. Meloom, Proprietress, 282 Elm Street, West Somerville, Mass.**—There are many who seem to believe that the only way to get first-class confectionery, etc., is to visit some large establishment and pay a fancy price for it, but there are others who know better than that, and who will therefore appreciate the advantages offered by Mrs. A. I. Meloom at her store, 282 Elm Street, for although this is comparatively small it is well stocked, and the goods and prices are such as to make it well worth while to call here when anything in the line of Confectionery, Stationery, Toys, etc., is wanted. Mrs. Meloom also has a small Circulating Library, and deals in all the Weekly and Monthly Papers. An important department of Mrs. Meloom's business, which we must make special mention of in this article, is the Employment Office conducted by her, where the residents of West Somerville and vicinity can procure reliable and competent help. Mrs. Meloom has made this department of her business a great convenience to the people of this vicinity, as she earnestly tries to furnish first-class help, recommending none whose ability she has reason to doubt. Mrs. Meloom has already built up trade enough to show that the residents of this vicinity are prompt to appreciate reliable goods, first-class methods and low prices, and there is every reason to believe that her business will continue to increase as long as the present methods of management are followed. Mrs. Meloom gives personal attention to every patron, thus ensuring prompt and courteous service to every caller. She makes a specialty of home made candies, the old fashioned molasses candy being among the list, while a good trade in soda is enjoyed.

**JOHN BRYANT & SONS, Funeral Directors; 280 Elm Street, West Somerville, Mass.; 15 Austin Street, Charlestown, Mass.**—The business of Undertaking established about 40 years ago by Mr. John Bryant, the senior member of the above firm, has made a wonderful transition from crude methods and small beginnings to one of scientific development in the care and preservation of bodies and high artistic results in everything that pertains to the undertakers' profession as practiced to day. The firm of John Bryant & Sons is composed of John Bryant and his three sons, T. Wesley, Chas. F. and John E. Bryant. Their principal office and business are at 15 Austin Street, Charlestown, Mass., and are under the direct supervision of Mr. T. Wesley Bryant, while the business at 280 Elm Street, West Somerville, is conducted as a branch and is under the management of Mr. Chas. F. Bryant. Mr. John E. Bryant resides at the corner of Grant and Sewall Streets, Winter Hill, and any orders left at that address will be promptly attended to. These gentlemen are all practical and experienced undertakers, embalmers and funeral directors and furnishers of everything pertaining to the profession. Their stock is complete in all departments of furnishing undertaking, and they are prepared to take charge of the body and properly prepare it for preservation and for interment, attending to every detail and supplying everything desired by the friends, relieving them of all care and anxiety regarding all the details required. Calls day or night at 280 Elm Street will receive prompt attention.

## EDWARD F. CARL,

# Harness, Saddlery Horse Furnishing Goods.

CUSTOM WORK A SPECIALTY.

239 Somerville Avenue, SOMERVILLE, MASS.

**P. H. RAFFERTY**, Undertakers and Embalmers, 387 Somerville Avenue, Cor. Church Street, Somerville, Mass. 4 Travers, cor. Merrimac Street, Boston, Mass. Telephone No. 142 3.—The business carried on by Mr. P. H. Rafferty is one of the oldest established of its kind in this section of the state, it having been founded more than thirty years ago. Operations were begun by Mr. Patrick Rafferty in 1860, the present proprietor, Mr. P. H. Rafferty, assuming entire control in 1870, he being well and favorably known among Somerville's business men. Mr. Rafferty is an undertaker and embalmer, carrying a heavy and complete stock of funeral goods, and being in a position to fill orders at very short notice. The premises made use of by Mr. Rafferty are located at 387 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, and No. 4 Travers, corner of Merrimac Street, Boston, and the stock at both establishments is so arranged as to make examination very easy. Coffins, caskets, robes, etc., will be supplied at the very lowest market rates, and the assortment is sufficiently varied to enable all tastes and all circumstances to be suited. Mr. Rafferty can be consulted by telephone call No. 142-3, and the entire charge of funerals will be undertaken if desired, and every commission will be promptly, faithfully and intelligently executed.

**MRS. H. W. BROWN**, Cake and Pastry Shop, also Bakery and Lunch Room, 335 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—Judging from the number of cake and pastry shops to be found in Somerville, there must be a large proportion of the population that is fond of sweets, and indeed this is not to be wondered at, for there are really but few things more agreeable to the taste than fresh and well-made bread, cake and pastry. Unfortunately it is not all manufacturers and dealers in these goods that supply their patrons with goods that can be described as "fresh" and well made, but there are a good many reliable establishments of this kind, and one of them that is located in this vicinity is that conducted by Mrs. H. W. Brown. This lady is very well known in Somerville, and has been identified with her present undertaking since 1891. The premises are located at 335 Somerville Avenue, and comprise a cake and pastry shop and bakery, which contain a fresh and choice stock of articles usually to be found in a first-class establishment of this kind. These goods can be furnished at short notice, while the prices are sure to be satisfactory to all reasonable persons. Mrs. White has reason to congratulate herself on the present condition of her business. Not only is an extensive patronage enjoyed, but the trade shows a rapid and constant increase that promises the most brilliant results in the future. She has put in a good soda fountain, and supplies the best syrups the market affords. Also furnishes first-class lunches at all hours and at prices that cannot fail to give satisfaction.

**J. E. HERRICK**, Builder and Contractor; Jobbing at short notice and reasonable rates; 35 Hawley Street, Boston; 273 and 277 Elm street, West Somerville, Mass.—Of course in order to attain the best possible results in building operations, it is necessary to secure the services of an experienced and skillful architect and a reliable, responsible and experienced builder, but if circumstances are such as to force one to choose between a first-class architect and a first-class builder, it is doubtless better to choose the latter; for a thoroughly competent builder will so carry out his contract as to correct many minor errors and omissions on the part of the architect, while an unreliable or unskillful builder will do unsatisfactory work in spite of the most skillfully and thoroughly prepared plans and specifications. Happily, such a choice has very seldom to be made in this vicinity; good architects and very good builders are many, and one of the most prominent and successful of the latter is Mr. J. E. Herrick, who is a native of Maine, and has carried on operations in West Somerville and vicinity since 1883 and is the best known builder in this portion of the city, his office being at Nos. 273 and 277 Elm Street, West Somerville, and he also maintains a Boston office at No. 35 Hawley Street. Mr. Herrick has executed many important commissions, among the most recent of them being that for Messrs. Sprague and Hathaway's fine new block in Davis Square. He employs as many as 100 men at times during the "busy season," and very large orders can be filled at very short notice in cases where haste is essential. Mr. Herrick is in a position to figure very closely on building work, and those placing contracts with him have the decided advantage of knowing that the work will be executed strictly in accordance with the agreement. Jobbing is done at short notice and at reasonable rates, and estimates will cheerfully be furnished on application.





**A. MILLAR POLLARD, Pharmacist,** Pollard Square, Somerville, Mass.—The pharmacy conducted by Mr. A. Millar Pollard is very advantageously situated in Pollard Square, but it does not owe its prominence and popularity to its advantages of location, but to the popular conviction (born of nearly a decade of continuance and faithful service of the public) that its management is worthy of every confidence, and that this is one of the comparatively few establishments which are really worthy of being called "family pharmacies." It was opened in 1883 by Mr. D. W. Pollard, father of the present proprietor, who assumed control in 1890. Mr. A. Millar Pollard is a native of Fall River, Mass., and has had valuable experience as a dispensing chemist. He was formerly associated with his father in the carrying on of the establishment now under consideration, and is a registered pharmacist, as is also his assistant. A full assortment of drugs, medicines and chemicals is constantly carried, the goods being obtained from

the most reliable sources, and in purity and general quality being the best the market affords. Hence it is natural that an extensive prescription trade should be done, especially as prescriptions are accurately and promptly compounded at the lowest rates consistent with the maintenance of a strictly first-class service. Druggists' sundries, confectionery, cigars and tobacco, toilet articles, etc., are largely dealt in, and the daily and Sunday papers may also be obtained at this popular store, which is very thoroughly fitted up, a prominent feature of the equipment being an elegant Matthews soda fountain, just put in at a cost of \$500. Mr. Pollard does a large "soda business," and no wonder, for he makes his own syrups, and his soda, like everything else that he sells, is first-class in every respect. Street cars run from in front of store to Northampton street, Boston, every twenty minutes.

**J. H. ANDERSON, Dealer in Fresh, Salt, Pickled and Smoked Fish, Clams, Lobsters and Oysters in the Shell and Opened.** 321 Somerville Ave., near Union Sq., West Somerville.—Residents of Somerville and vicinity are very advantageously situated so far as their obtaining all varieties of sea-food is concerned, for it is so closely located to Boston, and that city being one of the leading markets of the country for that class of provisions, and in fact is the centre of supply for all the country adjoining. Of course some of our Somerville dealers possess better facilities than others, but it is safe to say that Mr. J. H. Anderson is well up to the head of the list in this respect, and it is not surprising that such should be the case, for the enterprise conducted by him is one of the old and well-known ones of its kind in this section of the state. Mr. Anderson is a native of Somerville, and has been identified with his present business since 1875. He now occupies premises located at 321 Somerville Ave., and deals in all kinds of fresh, salt, pickled and smoked fish, also in clams, lobsters and oysters, both in the shell and opened. These goods will be sold in quantities to suit customers for family use, and include all the popular varieties to be obtained, and are offered at the very lowest market rates. Employment is given to well-informed assistants, and callers are assured prompt and courteous attention, all goods being fully guaranteed to prove just as represented.

**WILLIAM H. FLYNN, Real Estate and insurance,** 4 Bow St., Somerville, Mass.—Undoubtedly the most convenient, expeditious and generally satisfactory course to pursue when wishing to buy, sell, exchange, rent or lease real estate is to take advantage of the facilities offered by some established, well-known and responsible agent, and so far as Somerville is concerned no better choice can be made than of those offered by Mr. William H. Flynn, for he is very widely and favorably known in this community, having served the city as post-master from June, 1886, to Sept., 1891, and also served two terms in the legislature, and is interested in the growth and development of the city, and conversant with its values, especially in real estate lines, and is entirely competent to advise those seeking an investment or the purchase of a home in this vicinity. One may always find upon his books a large selection of desirable city and suburban property. Besides dealing in real estate, caring for properties, collecting rents, etc., he is actively engaged in the insurance business, being prepared to place large or small risks in first class fire insurance companies and to promptly attend to the interests of his patrons in the prompt settlement and adjustment of losses in the event of a fire. His office is at No. 4 Bow St., near Union Square, Somerville, where detailed information may readily be obtained on application in person or by mail.

**CHARLES A. SMALL, Dry Goods, Small Wares, Boots, Shoes, etc.,** 580 Broadway, North Somerville.—Such of our readers as are familiar with the development of Somerville in general and of North Somerville in particular during the past quarter of a century, would doubtless think it strange if a book devoted to a review of the city's mercantile interests contained no mention of Mr. Charles A. Small, for although that gentleman has never made what is expressively termed "a big splash," it is nevertheless a fact that he has been prominently instrumental in the building up of North Somerville during the 23 years that he has carried on business here in the identical store which he now utilizes. He has resided at Somerville for about 40 years, and when he began operations here in 1869, he was the only dealer doing business in this part of the city. He built up a large trade, and up to about a year ago carried on what is popularly called a "general store," but in 1891 he sold out his grocery business and now handles only dry and fancy goods, boots and shoes, etc. His store and stock are both small, they being so from choice, as he wishes to secure a well-earned relief from the wearing task of managing a large business, and at the same time did not desire to retire altogether, as, to a man of his stamp, some regular occupation is a necessity. It seems superfluous to add that Mr. Small's goods are uniformly reliable and his prices uniformly just and reasonable.



**A. FITCH & CO.,** Dealers in Hay, Straw, Grain and Flour, Wood and Coal. 14 Villa Avenue, West Somerville, Mass.—There is apt to be such a variation in the price of grain, feed hay, etc., from month to month, and there is such a great difference in the quality and value of such commodities, or rather of the various grades of them, that it is of the very first importance to buy from a strictly reliable dealer, as otherwise one is liable to have to pay more than market rates or to be furnished with goods that are of more or less inferior quality. It would be easy to find plenty of people who would cheerfully testify to the entire reliability of the house of A. Fitch & Co., for the record of this concern and of its predecessors, Messrs. Fitch & Ladd, is strictly first-class, and the purchaser is sure of getting goods that will prove just as represented, and of getting them at the lowest market rates. The business was established in 1890 and was originally located in North Cambridge, but is now at No. 14 Villa Ave., West Somerville. Messrs. A. Fitch & Co. deal in hay, straw, grain, flour, etc., also in wood and coal; and are prepared to deliver orders to any point in this vicinity at short notice. Equal care is shown in the filling of large and small orders, and particular attention is given to the handling of choice family flour, the finest brands being furnished in bag or barrel lots at positively bottom rates.

**GILMAN EXPRESS COMPANY.** Somerville and No. Cambridge. Furniture and Piano Moving a Specialty. Boston Offices: 36 Court Sq., 105 Arch St., 77 Kingston St. and 79 Kilby St. West Somerville Office: Davis Sq., 12 Holland St. Open from 6.30 A. M. till 9 P. M. Order Box in Quincy Market.—In a work devoted to a consideration of the business interests of a section, it is fitting that prominent mention should be made of such an enterprise as that now conducted by Mr. R. C. Gilman, for this has much to do with the facilitation of business and has proved of great utility to Somerville and North Cambridge merchants and manufacturers during the thirty-five years that it has been in operation. The undertaking in question was originally started in 1857 by Mr. Geo. H. Conant, who was succeeded in 1880 by Mr. R. C. Gilman, the present proprietor. He being so widely and favorably known throughout Somerville and vicinity, extended personal mention is quite uncalled for. But for the benefit of those not familiar in this locality we wish to say that he is the proprietor of Gilman's Somerville and North Cambridge Express. He does teaming of all kinds, and makes a specialty of Furniture and Piano Moving, and has an equipment which enables him to fill every order at short notice and at prices which cannot fail to prove satisfactory to every reasonable customer. This equipment includes five teams, which are kept in excellent condition at all times, a fact which has much to do with its uniform efficiency. Employment is given to seven thoroughly reliable men, and goods of all kinds are handled carefully as well as rapidly. Mr. Gilman's West Somerville office is located at 12 Holland street, and his Boston offices at 36 Court Square, 105 Arch street, 79 Kilby street and 77 Kingston street, and also has an order box in Quincy Market. All orders left in person or sent by mail or messenger to either of the above addresses are assured immediate and painstaking attention.

**B. PALMER & SON,** Dealers in Groceries and Provisions, 63 Holland Street, West Somerville, Mass.—So much trouble and time can be saved by dealing at a store where a complete and carefully selected stock is carried, where effort is made to ascertain the preferences of each customer and to furnish him with goods that will suit his tastes, that it is no wonder that the establishment carried on by Messrs. B. Palmer & Son should be largely patronized, for this is just such a store as we have described and its merits have become very generally known since its inception in 1891. These gentlemen are natives of Maine and are dealers in fine groceries and fresh provisions of all kinds. They make a specialty of catering to family trade in both departments of their business, and handle goods that they are prepared to guarantee will prove just as represented in every respect. The premises utilized by Messrs. Palmer & Son are located at 63 Holland street, and cover an area of 840 square feet. Bottom prices are quoted on all the articles dealt in and as two assistants are employed and two teams used, goods can be delivered at very short notice to any address in West Somerville.

**WM. N. BARSTOW,** Baker, Davis Square, West Somerville, Mass.—The question of whether or not it pays to use bakers' goods is one that every housekeeper must answer for herself, for "circumstances alter cases," and what would pay one family would not pay another, but it is safe to say that the majority of people can buy bread, cake and pastry cheaper than they can make them, and if pains are taken to patronize a reliable bakery the quality is as good and in many cases better than that of "home-made" goods. Speaking of a reliable bakery naturally brings to mind that carried on by Mr. Wm. N. Barstow and located in Davis Square, West Somerville, for the quality of the goods made and sold here is such as to make this one of the most truly reliable establishments of the kind in this vicinity. Mr. Barstow does an extensive wholesale and retail business, requiring the services of 13 assistants, also two teams to supply the store and family trade. He uses carefully selected material, employs skilled assistants and spares no pains to fully maintain the excellent quality of his productions in every respect. A specialty is made of superior "home made bread," in which he has a very large trade, as its quality cannot be excelled.

**CHAS. W. INGALLS,** Hack, Livery, Boarding and Sale Stable. Also Carriage Work or Blacksmithing. Junction of Elm and Summer Sts., West Somerville, Mass.—The management of a public stable has as much to do with its popularity as has the character of the teams furnished, and such of our readers as have had much occasion to patronize livery stables will readily agree that prompt and courteous attention to callers and the accurate filling of all orders will go far to atone for deficiencies in other respects. But the ideal stable is one where both the teams and the management are perfect, and although perfection cannot justly be claimed in the case of any stable in the vicinity, some of them approach it pretty closely, as, for instance, that conducted by Mr. Charles W. Ingalls, at the junction of Elm and Summer streets. Mr. Ingalls is a native of Cambridge, Mass., and certainly does not lack experience in his line of business, he having carried on his present enterprise since 1878. The premises utilized comprise a Hack, Livery, Boarding and Sale Stable, also a Blacksmith Shop. The stable is well fitted up and well kept in every respect, having accommodations for about twenty horses. First-class teams will be furnished at short notice and at reasonable rates, and quite an extensive boarding business is done, hacks being also supplied for private and public occasions; these turnouts being stylish and satisfactory in every way. Mr. Ingalls is also prepared to undertake Carriage Work, or Blacksmithing of any kind. He has a thoroughly experienced workman, giving particular attention to the shoeing of horses, and is in a position to guarantee that

thoroughly satisfactory manner, and at unusually fair prices.

## FLEMMING &amp; CO.,

## Practical Upholsterers and Cabinet Makers.

Draperies and Window Shades Made to Order.

Mattresses made to order. Old Mattresses made over. Chairs repaired and re-caned. Carpets taken up, cleaned and relaid. Feather Beds renovated.

Estimates furnished. Goods called for and delivered free of charge.

250 Pearl Street, SOMERVILLE, Mass., near Winter Hill Station.

Residence, 29 Gibbons Street.

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**I. H. BROWN & CO.**, Manufacturer of All Kinds of Mouldings, Window Frames, Sashes, Drawer-Cases, Brackets; Band Sawing, Turning, Carving, Etc. Stair Material Furnished. 289 Washington Street, Somerville, Mass. Telephone 208-2.—The ability of a manufacturer of mouldings and builders' finish in general to fill orders promptly and at bottom rates is so directly proportioned to the perfection of the mechanical equipment of his factory, that in making mention of the moulding mill carried on by Messrs I. H. Brown & Co., it is well to say at the outset that the plant of machinery is of the most improved type, and includes everything necessary for the manufacture of all kinds of mouldings, window frames, sashes, drawer cases, brackets, stair material, ornaments, etc., and for the doing of band sawing, turning, carving, etc., to order at short notice and at the lowest market rates. The factory is located at No. 289 Washington St., and is connected by telephone, so that orders can be quickly and conveniently given from any point in this vicinity. Employment is given to 25 experienced assistants, and the most extensive commissions can be executed at comparatively short notice, while the smallest orders are assured prompt and careful attention. The firm is prepared to figure very closely on large contracts, and will promptly furnish estimates on application. This factory is splendidly equipped to guard against fire, having a night watchman with clock service and an electric fire alarm fire protector, also 100 feet of 2½ inch hose on each floor and a full set of chemical buckets convenient for immediate use.

**FRANK H. ADAMS**, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Ice Cream and Confectionery, 20 Summer Street, Somerville, Mass. Ice Cream Furnished at Short Notice.—The liberal space we have given in this book to notices of the representative retail houses of Somerville and vicinity shows how we appreciate the importance of this branch of trade, and gives sufficient reason why we should make mention of such an establishment as that conducted by Mr. Frank H. Adams, for this gentleman ranks with the leading manufacturers and dealers in ice cream and confectionery in this vicinity. He began operations in his present line of business in 1886. A rapidly increasing business is transacted, and a large stock is carried, as indeed may be judged from the premises occupied, these comprising a confectionery store, and his spacious ice cream parlors are nicely fitted up and carpeted, and have a seating capacity for 50 guests. This establishment is located at 20 Summer Street, and is fitted up with all necessary facilities for the proper handling of the business, which latter fact has much to do with the reputation this house enjoys for filling all orders at short notice and with perfect accuracy. The specialties of this house are the manufacture of ice cream and confectionery of all kinds, which are guaranteed fresh, and made from the purest materials obtainable. A competent force of assistants is constantly employed, and in summer he runs three teams to keep pace with his orders. Mr. Adams is prepared to supply his goods in quantities to suit at positively bottom prices, and to insure the prompt and satisfactory filling of all orders.

**EDWARD F. REED**, Paper Hanger and Decorator, Room 5, Eberle Building, Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—As wall paper will make a wonderful improvement in the average house if properly chosen and properly applied, it is certainly very strange that so many will allow their homes to remain shabby and mean looking when the expenditure of a comparatively small sum would result in their being so freshened up as to be practically "as good as new." No doubt more people are prevented from doing so by fear of the dirt and confusion resulting from such repairs than from any hesitation to spend the money called for, and therefore we take especial pleasure in calling attention to the facilities possessed by Mr. Edward F. Reed for the doing of paper hanging and decorating of all kinds, as he makes a specialty of avoiding all unnecessary annoyances to his customers; employing only careful workmen and filling orders as quickly as circumstances will allow. He gives all important commissions his personal supervision, and has executed many commissions of high grade in Somerville and vicinity, and is spoken of in the highest terms by those who have profited by his facilities. Mr. Reed occupies premises located in Eberle Building (room 5), and carries a complete line of samples from the largest and best houses, including the higher grades of paper hangings as well as of the cheaper lines. This office is nicely fitted up, and is in charge of his daughter, Miss Minnie P. Reed, where callers are always cordially received. Mr. Reed is a native of Somerville, and began his present line of business several years ago; as his charges for paper hanging and decorating are uniformly moderate, it is natural that he should have built up a high reputation and a constantly increasing business. Mr. Reed was a member of the 13th N. H. Vol. Militia in the war of the rebellion.

**WILLIAM A. MUZZEY**, Real Estate and Insurance, No. 1 Medina Building, West Somerville, Mass.—Among the reliable business agencies that contribute to the growth and prosperity of this portion of Somerville may be mentioned that of William A. Muzzey, located at No. 1 Medina Building, Davis Square. His extended acquaintance and general knowledge of real estate make his services valuable to any party wishing to buy, sell or exchange anything in that line, and his list of real estate for sale can be depended upon to comprise some of the best bargains in the city. Mr. Muzzey takes the care and charge of property, attending to all details—renting and collecting rents, etc., negotiating loans on mortgages. Mr. Muzzey also does a fire insurance business, representing the American Ins. Co. of Newark, N. J., New Hampshire Fire Ins. Co. and Insurance Co. of North America, and is prepared to place small or large risks in these or other first class insurance companies at standard rates, and will attend to the prompt settlement of all claims incurred by fire losses, and all business intrusted to him will receive prompt attention. Mr. Muzzey is post office agent for West Somerville for the sale of postal notes, postage stamps, postal cards, etc., which has proved a great convenience to the general public at West Somerville, as his office is located so conveniently to Davis Sq. Mr. Muzzey employs an assistant, who attends to the details of the business when he is away from the office.

**MISS F. M. CLIMENSON**, Dressmaker, Studio Block, Davis Square, West Somerville, Mass.—As a large portion of our readers consists of ladies, we are confident this article will prove of interest to many, as of course ladies like to learn of an establishment where they can depend upon the taste and skill therein displayed in the line of dressmaking. Just such an establishment is that conducted by Miss F. M. Climensson in Studio Building, Davis Square. Her business is steadily increasing, for she has had an unusual degree of success in fitting, and one of the chief factors of her popularity is to be found in this important particular, as also in the economical utilization of the material furnished to her. She gives employment to sufficient help to enable her to fill her orders promptly, and endeavors to meet all sensible expectations, and to make her work first-class in every respect, and her charges are as low as are consistent with the doing of thoroughly good work.

**CHARLES H. BRADBURY**, M. D., and Druggist, 57 Elm Street, cor. Cedar, West Somerville, Mass.—Prominent among the many attractive stores of West Somerville is that conducted by Mr. Charles H. Bradbury as a druggist. It was established in 1890, since which time he has gained the confidence and good will of this community. The premises are well arranged and very attractively fitted up. The stock on hand embraces a full line of drugs and chemicals, with a good assortment of such specialties as are usually to be found in a first-class drug store. Dr. C. H. Bradbury being a physician by profession as well as an experienced druggist, the prescription department is managed with a skill and intelligence that have given this house an enviable reputation. The neat and attractive appearance of this store and the fine stock of goods handled have done much to make it a favorite resort for those desirous of purchasing first-class articles. The premises occupied are located at 57 Elm Street. He is a native of Burlington, Maine, and has many permanent friends and patrons throughout West Somerville and vicinity. He gives employment only to those who are trustworthy and competent. Visitors to Dr. Bradbury's establishment are cordially welcome, and promptly waited upon.

**FREEMAN & HARLOW**, Carpenters and Builders, 69 Dover Street, West Somerville, Mass.—It is a pleasure to do business with men who are prompt and faithful in the fulfillment of their agreements or promises, and none appreciate it more than those who have had experience with quite another type of individuals, who have to be watched, followed and generally "stirred up" on all possible occasions. It is owing to their devotion to their patrons' interests as well as their own that Messrs. Freeman & Harlow, of 69 Dover Street, have gained the confidence and respect of the community to the degree which they have, and those who have done business with them in the past are the ones most earnest in approval of their methods. They began operations in West Somerville in 1891, and have already built up a large trade by close attention to duty and the superior advantages they have been enabled to offer their customers. As carpenters and builders they have executed many commissions of varying character, and have established a name for filling orders promptly and satisfactorily that is as high as it is deserved. Employment is given to ten thoroughly reliable and competent workmen, and those wishing anything done in the building or jobbing line can do no better than to entrust Messrs. Freeman & Harlow with the task, as their facilities are of the best and their charges very moderate and reasonable.

**J. F. BERTON**, House, Sign and Fresco Painting, also Glazier and Paper Hanger, 65 Dover Street, West Somerville, Mass.—Among the various painters and paper hangers doing business in West Somerville and vicinity, Mr. J. F. Berton must be given a prominent position, for he is prepared to fill every order whether large or small at short notice, and as he uses carefully selected stock and employs 12 to 15 skilled assistants, the quality of his work is uniformly satisfactory. Mr. Berton began operations in his present business here in West Somerville about 1880. He is a practical painter, and gives close personal attention to the execution of all commissions, sparing no pains to maintain the high standard he has adopted from the first. An extensive business is done, including house, sign and fresco painting, also glazing and paper hanging, the facilities being such that the largest orders can be filled at short notice, while moderate charges are made in every instance, Mr. Berton being prepared to figure very closely on all work coming within his line of business.

**W. S. HANNA & CO.**, Practical Plumbers and Sanitary Engineers, Gas Fitting, 61 Day St., near Davis Sq., West Somerville, Mass. Special attention given to Drainage and Ventilation. All jobbing promptly attended to.—One of the youngest and at the same time one of the most enterprising and prosperous concerns in their line in this city is the firm of Messrs. W. S. Hanna & Co., 61 Day St., near Davis Square, West Somerville. They established their business here in 1890, both having a thorough practical knowledge of the trade. Their specialty is sanitary engineering in accordance with the most approved modern scientific principles, and their aim is to execute only first-class work, both partners giving the details of all work their personal supervision. The firm is composed of Mr. W. S. Hanna and W. J. Robbins, both natives of Cambridge. Their work shop is at 61 Day St., where they carry a carefully selected stock of plumbers' materials and are prepared to execute any work, either new or jobbing, in a thoroughly satisfactory manner and at as low prices as are consistent with the use of good material and good workmanship.

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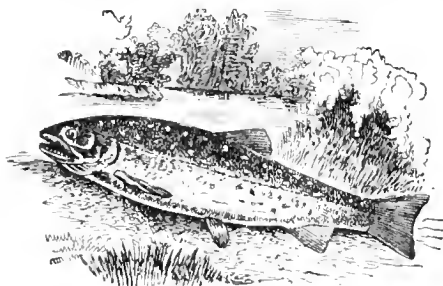
The name of J. Albion Briggs can by no means be unfamiliar to those at all interested in the real estate business of Somerville or its vicinity, for this gentleman has been prominently connected with this class of property since 1885, when the firm of Davis & Briggs was formed; but the business is now under the sole control of Mr. J. Albion Briggs, while the old firm name is retained. Mr. Briggs is an acknowledged leader in his special line and has charge of a number of important estates in this line, and has conducted his business with such marked ability as to win the confidence of the public, with whom he has come to be a prime favorite when any information in the line of real estate or insurance is desired. He buys, sells, rents or exchanges real estate in Somerville or vicinity. All kinds of business in this line are promptly attended to on commission. Property cared for, rents collected, residences secured or rented. His facilities for taking care of property for absent owners or those not caring to undertake the work and responsibility are of the best, and his reputation is ample guarantee that in the future as in the past he will carefully guard the interests of his patrons. Somerville is very rapidly developing and being built up, so that the sale of real estate is very active, and desirable sites are being rapidly selected, and an extensive business in this line is transacted through the office of Davis & Briggs, and thus constantly have on their books some very desirable opportunities for investors or those looking for a home of their own or a desirable rent for a residence. This firm also conducts a well equipped fire insurance office, and offers an unsurpassed service to those who desire insurance that insures. Among the companies represented are the following, all of which are too favorably known to require more than mention: German American of New York, Glens Falls of New York, Springfield Fire and Marine of Springfield, Mass., Phenix of New York, Abington Mutual of Abington, Mass. Insurance will be placed on application, either by mail to 17 Union Square, or in person, all communications being given equally prompt attention. Mr. Briggs is also an auctioneer for real estate interests and a justice of the peace. He is prominent in the secret society orders and commanded the 5th division in the grand semi-centennial parade June 17th, which, in point of numbers, was the largest of any of the divisions, including as it did the secret societies.

#### W. H. GAFFNEY, Dealer in Fresh, Smoked and Salt

Fish, Oysters, Clams, Lobsters, etc., 24 Holland Street, West Somerville, Mass.—It is not always convenient for a housekeeper to visit a market and choose her own supplies, in fact, more often than not she has to order from her residence and so must depend upon the intelligence and reliability of the dealer for assurance that the goods will be satisfactory. It is hard enough to get satisfactory groceries in this way, but it is still harder to get good meats, and harder yet to get first-class fish, so we feel that we are doing our readers a genuine service by calling to their attention the facilities offered by Mr. W. H. Gaffney, doing business at 24 Holland Street, for he is a dealer in fresh, salt and smoked fish, making a specialty of filling orders given at the residences of customers; and his stock is so large and complete and his prices so low that satisfaction may be safely guar-

anteed to every reasonable patron. The premises occupied by Mr. Gaffney cover an area of 800 square feet and comprise a well kept Fish Market. The extensive business transacted requires the services of two men and two teams. Mr. Gaffney deals in both fresh water and salt water fish, and his assortment is always as large as the condition of the market will allow. Lobsters, Clams and Oysters in the shell and opened are largely dealt in and will be supplied in quantities to suit at positively bottom rates.

**S. F. PHIPPS, Apothecary, Union Square, Somerville, Mass.**—When purchasing goods of any kind it is of course well to use some discrimination in the placing of the order, but when buying drugs, either singly or in form of a prescription, careful discrimination becomes an absolute duty, for it is of the first importance that the articles obtained shall be pure and reasonably fresh, and it is a notorious fact that by no means all the drugs in the market are of this character. Doubtless many of our readers (and certainly many of those residing in Somerville and vicinity) have satisfactorily solved the problem of where to get dependable drugs at fair prices by placing all their orders with Mr. S. F. Phipps, doing business at 11 Bow St., for not only is he prepared to furnish such commodities of standard quality at reasonable rates, but he shows enterprise in acquainting the public with the fact, and hence his facilities are as well known as they are reliable. Mr. Phipps was born in Hopkinton, Mass., where he carried on his line of business for ten years prior to his locating in Somerville in 1884. The premises occupied are 18 by 50 feet in dimensions and contain a carefully chosen stock, comprising drugs, medicines and chemicals, together with toilet and fancy articles, and such other goods as are usually found in a well appointed pharmacy. The compounding of prescriptions is of course given special attention, and no trouble is spared to insure absolute accuracy in every part of the work, while the charges made are uniformly moderate, and, as employment is given to thoroughly competent assistants, all orders are assured immediate and intelligent attention.



**W. P. BLANCHARD**, Dealer in Fine Groceries, Teas, Coffees, Spices, Canned Goods, Butter, Eggs and Cheese. 11 Elm, Cor. Porter Street, West Somerville, Mass.—The advantage of dealing with a house that carries a large and varied stock, guarantees the quality of its goods, gives prompt and polite attention to customers and sells at the lowest market rates, are too evident to require explanation, and when we say that the enterprise carried on by Mr. W. P. Blanchard at 11 Elm, corner of Porter Street, is so managed as to combine all these good points, we need not persuade our Somerville readers to give it their patronage, for their own self interest will dictate that they do so. Mr. Blanchard opened his establishment to the public in 1887, and for the reasons given above has built up a large and steadily increasing retail trade. Mr. Blanchard is a native of Stockton Springs, Me., and is a gentleman well acquainted with the line of business he has chosen, and gives his close personal attention to every detail of the establishment. Employment is afforded to two efficient and courteous assistants, and although the extent of the trade carried on renders the serving of many customers necessary, still, every patron is assured prompt and polite attention. Fine groceries, teas, coffees, spices, canned goods, butter, eggs, cheese, etc., of first class grades are extensively handled, and the prices quoted on these goods are such as will bear the severest examination.

**H. S. GARCELON**, Davis Square Pharmacy, West Somerville, Mass.—The "Davis Square Pharmacy" is known to but very few by that name, its popular title being "Garcelon's Drug Store," but its name is, of course, of no special importance; the character of the service rendered being the standard by which it should be judged, and the establishment stands the test nobly, it being a first-class "family drug store" in the full sense of that much abused term. The proprietor, Mr. H. S. Garcelon, has been in charge since 1891, was formerly in the drug business in Connecticut, and is an experienced, skillful and reliable dispensing chemist, having had 30 years' practice. He carries a complete assortment of drugs, medicines and chemicals, obtained from the most reliable sources, and pure, fresh and reliable in every respect. Physicians' prescriptions are carefully, skillfully and promptly compounded, and no fancy charges are made, the prices being as low as are consistent with the use of the best materials. He has some specialties of his own in proprietary remedies. An attractive stock of fancy goods, toilet articles, etc., is at hand to choose from, together with a choice line of confectionery and a large assortment of cigars and tobacco. A fine soda fountain is utilized and a large trade in the cooling beverage is enjoyed, as Mr. Garcelon makes his own syrups from the best of fruit juices and secures the best of results, which for fine delicacy of flavor cannot be excelled. His store is provided with a night bell, so that night calls will be attended to.

**DUNNING BROS.**, Jewelers, Diamonds, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. 279 Elm St., West Somerville. Special Attention Given to Repairing of French Clocks and Fine Watches. Watches Cleaned and Warranted One Year, \$1.00.—There are many who seem to gauge the reliability of a store by its size, and who think therefore that the best way to buy any article of value, say for instance a watch, is to visit a big store, in a big city, and pay a big price. And yet the chances are that they will want a Waltham, or an Elgin, or some other standard make of watch, and in such a case the guarantee of the manufacturer is amply sufficient to protect the purchaser, no matter of whom he purchases. Messrs. Dunning Brothers, of No. 279 Elm st., West Somerville, are prepared to sell reliable watches as cheaply as anybody, and a great deal more cheaply than many Boston firms that have to pay enormous rent and whose other expenses are also large. The senior partner, Mr. John N. Dunning, has been engaged in buying and selling jewelry for about 13 years and he is in a position to quote bottom prices and, in short, to meet all honorable competition. The junior partner, Mr. F. H. Dunning, is in business in Boston, and both he and his brother are generally and favorably known throughout this vicinity. The firm carries a carefully selected stock of diamonds, watches, clocks and jewelry, optical goods, etc., and every article is sold under a positive guarantee that it will prove just as represented in every respect. A specialty is made of the repairing of French clocks and fine watches; watches will be cleaned and warranted for one year for \$1.00, the work being done at very short notice.

**J. W. McARTHUR**, Dealer in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, also Repairing Neatly Done. 12 Elm Street, West Somerville.—There are very few people but what are anxious to get shoes that both look well and feel comfortable, and it is not to be wondered at that this is the case, for while an ill-fitting or shabby boot or shoe will spoil the appearance of the finest costume, a neat and stylish article of footwear will do much to atone for any deficiencies in the other details of the apparel. When Mr. McArthur opened his business in this city, in 1889, it was evident that his stock had been very skillfully selected, with an eye to the requirements of all kinds of customers. There were goods for adults, goods for children, shoes for dress purposes and shoes for ordinary street and business wear; and last, but by no means least, the prices were right. Of course a large retail trade was soon built up, and this trade is steadily increasing, for so far from failing to keep up the methods he practiced in the beginning, this gentleman has constantly striven to offer more and more decided inducements. Mr. McArthur has always proceeded on the safe and liberal policy that his customers' interests are his also. A store some three hundred square feet in dimension is occupied, where boots and shoes are extensively handled as well as a complete line of rubber goods, and repairing of all kinds is neatly and promptly done. All grades of goods are sold strictly on their merits, no misrepresentation being allowed in the slightest particular.

**ALLEN & TYLER**, Painting and Fresco Work, 306 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—Among the most prominent Painters and Fresco Workers in Somerville is the firm of Allen & Tyler. These gentlemen make a specialty of all kinds of Painting and Fresco Work, and as they employ only the most competent help are able to fill orders promptly and to guarantee the quality of their work. It is an established fact that painting has become an art during late years and requires not only originality of conception but natural talent for its successful prosecution. The premises occupied are located at 306 Somerville Avenue. Employment is given only to thoroughly reliable workmen, and Messrs. Allen & Tyler use only the best stock and their work has firmly established them in a large and growing patronage. They are prompt and reliable in their engagements and enjoy the full confidence of their customers and the public in general.

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It is safe to say that no other business enterprise at North Somerville is more generally and more favorably known than is that conducted by Mr. R. T. Barr, for this was founded by Mr. Charles A. Small nearly a quarter of a century ago, was carried on by him with marked ability and success until 1891, when he was succeeded by the present proprietor, who has fully maintained the enviable reputation of the undertaking. The premises made use of are located at the corner of Broadway and Cedar street, near the North Somerville station of the B. & M. R. R., and are sufficiently spacious to accommodate a large stock not only of staple and fancy groceries and provisions, crockery, glass and wooden ware, but also of such bulky commodities as hay, grain and flour, of the handling of which Mr. Barr makes a leading specialty; and, as he employs four competent assistants and utilizes three teams, he is prepared to deliver large or small orders to any point in this vicinity at short notice. As for prices, it may be said that they are as low as the lowest, quality considered, for although Mr. Barr makes no pretensions to running a "cheap store," and in fact has not the least desire to establish a reputation for doing so, it is also a fact that he is thoroughly prepared to meet all honorable competition, and does not allow himself to be undersold by any other reputable dealer.

**I. C. EARLE & SONS, Boots and Shoes, 6 Medina Building, West Somerville, Mass.**—The establishment now conducted by Messrs. I. C. Earle & Sons may justly be entitled the representative Boot and Shoe Store of West Somerville, for the business is of six years' standing and of considerable magnitude, and has steadily developed until it has become one of the acknowledged leaders in this section. Operations were begun in 1886 by W. D. Noble, who was succeeded in 1887 by Messrs. Boyce & Boyce, they giving place to I. C. Earle & Sons in 1889. The individual members of the present firm are Mr. I. C. Earle and his two sons, Charles A. and Louis B. Earle. These gentlemen are all well known throughout West Somerville and vicinity. Mr. I. C. Earle served in the war of the late Rebellion in Co. G, 46th Mass. V. M., and has also been a member of the City Council for two years and now spends the greater part of his time on the road as salesman of this same line of goods, leaving the store to the able management of his two sons. This firm utilizes spacious and well equipped premises, located at No. 6 Medina Building, West Somerville, and carries one of the most carefully chosen and complete stocks of footwear to be found in this vicinity, it comprising Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, etc., of all kinds. Messrs. Earle & Sons make a specialty of handling the Goodyear Glove Rubbers, also Baldwin & Lamkin's Goods for both Ladies and Gentlemen's wear. A full assortment is constantly on hand and the variety of styles, sizes and widths is so complete that all tastes and purses can be suited, and all feet fitted. Those particular as regards dressing correctly may trade here to advantage, as the latest novelties are always in stock, while those who place comfort before all other considerations may also find goods here exactly suited to their needs; while even the closest buyers cannot reasonably complain of the prices quoted, they being as low as the lowest in every instance, quality considered.

**YOUNG & MAYNARD, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Gilman Square, Somerville, Mass.**—“Modern conveniences” would certainly not willingly be dispensed with, and their advantages far outweigh their disadvantages, but nevertheless it is undoubtedly a fact that the plumbing arrangements of a house must be properly put in, duly cared for, and kept in perfect repair, or they are apt to breed sickness, especially in thickly settled communities. Everything depends upon having the plumbing work of a house properly done to begin with, for alterations are often difficult and expensive to make, and even when made the result is liable to be less satisfactory than would have been the case had the work been originally done correctly. Among those engaged in the plumbing and gas fitting business in this vicinity, none are better known than Messrs. Young & Maynard, for these gentlemen have for a long time held a leading position in their branch of industry. The individual members of the firm are Mr. F. S. Young and Mr. G. H. Maynard. They occupy premises at Gilman Square and employ only thoroughly competent assistants, and as they themselves are practical plumbers and gas fitters are in a position to execute every kind of work in the plumbing and gas fitting line, faithfully and promptly, at very moderate prices. Messrs. Young & Maynard began business here in Somerville in 1889 and have spared no pains to attain the high reputation now held by the enterprise with which they are identified.

**CUTTER'S NEWS DEPOT, No. 50 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.** Periodicals, Stationery, Confectionery, Cigars and Tobacco, Ten Cent Music a Specialty.—An enterprise of special interest to the people of Somerville, and one that will be of value to learn something about in this volume, is Cutter's News Depot, which has been under the management of its present proprietor since 1889, it having been started in 1880 by E. J. Bent. The business of this house is steadily increasing, and its resources are ample to meet all demands. Its policy is worthy the consideration of the public, who will find many advantages by dealing here. Customers are assured immediate and courteous attention, and that all inquiries will be answered politely. The premises, which are located at 50 Union Square, are well filled with a large and varied stock of goods, comprising periodicals, stationery, confectionery, cigars and tobacco, also ten-cent music, of which a specialty is made. Mr. Cutter is thoroughly conversant with the minutest details concerning the business to which he gives his close personal supervision, and the residents of Somerville are sure of obtaining here all the daily, weekly and Sunday papers as well as the latest and most popular publications of the day. Orders for single copies, or subscriptions, of any publication, will receive prompt and accurate attention and back numbers will be supplied at short notice if desired. We can therefore commend Cutter's News Depot and its able and efficient manager to all interested readers.



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**F. H. MIXON & CO.,** New and Second Hand Furniture, Repairing of all kinds, Stoves and Ranges a specialty, 236 Washington Street, Somerville, Mass.—There are many careful housekeepers to be found in Somerville and vicinity and not a few of them have discovered that the establishment conducted by F. H. Mixon & Co., at No. 236 Washington Street, is a most excellent one to visit when anything in the shape of Crockery Ware, Stoves or Ranges or other house furnishing goods is wanted, new or second hand. This business was established by J. E. Taylor & Son during the current year, they being succeeded by the present proprietors, who compose Mr. F. H. Mixon, a native of Nova Scotia, and J. E. Taylor. Both are thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business. Mr. Mixon conducts a jobbing, piano and furniture business outside of the company business, which he gives his personal attention to. His residence is at 148 Washington Street. Mr. Taylor attends to the details of the furniture business. The premises made use of are 30 x 50 feet in dimensions, and a large trade is done in new and second hand Furniture, and repairs, Crockery, China and Glass Ware, Cutlery, etc.; Lawn Chairs reseat; together with a complete assortment of the latest fashionable novelties, so that all tastes and purses can be suited. All orders for either branch of the business will be promptly attended to.

**H. A. GANNETT,** Dealer in Canned Goods, Groceries and Provisions, Cigars and Tobacco, Teas and Coffees, Confectionery, 624 and 626 Broadway, No. Somerville, Mass.—As the plan of this review of Somerville's business enterprises includes mention not only of the old established and confessedly representative houses, but also of such comparatively recently established undertakings as give promise of long and steadily increasing usefulness, we take pleasure in calling attention to that conducted by Mr. H. A. Gannett at Nos. 624 and 626 Broadway, for although this was not founded until 1892 it has already given many proofs of having "come to stay," and it will stay if the public continue to appreciate energy, fair dealing and accommodating methods. Mr. Gannett deals in staple and fancy groceries and provisions, including canned goods, cigars and tobacco, confectionery and seasonable fruits and vegetables. His stock is new, fresh and "clean" in every department, his prices are "right" every time, and his goods are fully warranted to prove as represented. He makes a specialty of Spurr's Revere Java Coffee, and carries a full assortment of other brands of coffees and of choice teas, together with pure spices, select flavoring extracts, etc. Ample assistance is employed, and orders are called for and accurately delivered free of expense.

**J. H. MONGAN,** Dealer in Fine Boots, Shoes and Rubbers; neat repairing given prompt attention; Charlestown cars stop at door; No. 17 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—If there be one line of expenditure in which extravagance is excusable, it is in the purchase of footwear, for one's appearance and comfort are so largely dependent upon the character of the foot coverings worn that it is always advisable to "get the best" when the choice of boots and shoes is in question. Happily there is no need of spending large sums of money in order to get shoes that will fit well, look well and wear well, for improved manufacturing methods have reduced prices to a minimum, and put comfortable and stylish goods within the means of all. Of course there are some retailers who quote lower figures than others, but the residents of Somerville need not search far to find a store where desirable goods are offered at bottom figures, for Mr. J. H. Mongan has established a widespread reputation for that very practice, and his establishment is consequently very popular among discriminating buyers. Business was established by Mr. Mongan in Somerville about 1886. The store now utilized by him is located at 17 Union Square, and is stocked with boots, shoes and rubbers of every description, while the assortment is so complete in every department that all tastes can be suited at very reasonable rates. Special attention also is given to all kinds of repairing, every order being executed in a neat, prompt and thoroughly satisfactory manner.

**J. H. BROOKS,** Dealer in Dry Goods, 22 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—A review of the leading business men of Somerville which contained no mention of Mr. J. H. Brooks would justly be considered as strangely incomplete, for this gentleman is one of the best known business men in this vicinity, and during his long career has gained a most enviable reputation for constant attendance to business and strict integrity. The establishment under question was originally founded before the war by John Harrington & Co. Several changes were made in 1867 by E. K. Foster & Co., who were succeeded by the present proprietor in 1871. Mr. J. H. Brooks is a native of Elliot, Maine, and is very well known throughout Somerville and vicinity, where he is engaged in handling Dry Goods of all kinds at retail. The premises occupied are located at 22 Union Square, comprising one floor and basement, each covering an area of some 1,260 square feet, which contain a well chosen and complete assortment of goods. Employment is given to five well-informed assistants, and we need hardly say that a merchant having Mr. Brooks' long experience and ability should be in a position to quote the lowest market rates on dependable goods and that he does so is well known to our Somerville readers. Orders are promptly filled and the high reputation of the enterprise is fully maintained in every respect.

# Billiard and Pool Room,

No. 9 Bow Street, SOMERVILLE, Mass.



All kinds of Foreign and Domestic Cigars, Tobacco and  
Smokers' Materials.

In connection with my Billiard and Pool Tables I have a first class

## LUNCH COUNTER.

Hot Coffee. Oysters, Sandwiches and Pies, Pigs' Pickled Feet, Etc. 'Positively no Liquors Sold.

Your Patronage is Solicited.

**ROBERT JAMESON, Proprietor.**

**H. W. SMITH & CO.,** Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware and Optical Goods; local agents for leading high and medium grade Safety Bicycles; special attention given to all kinds of repairing, and satisfaction guaranteed; clocks called for and delivered; bicycle sundries and electric work, 91 Marshall Street, Somerville, Mass., near Winter Hill Depot.—We will not pay our readers the doubtful compliment of calling their attention to the importance of buying Watches, Jewelry, etc., from reliable houses, for every person of average intelligence knows that in no other way can satisfactory results be obtained, so we will simply say that Mr. H. W. Smith has gained an enviable reputation for reliability since the inception of his establishment in 1892, and that his stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware and Optical Goods is one of the most carefully chosen and desirable to be found in this section, while the prices are "right" in every particular, so that the closest buyer will find it to his advantage to give him a call before placing an order for anything in his line. Mr. H. W. Smith, doing business under the style of H. W. Smith & Co., is a native of Manchester, N. H., and was at one time with C. A. W. Crosby, jeweler at 474 Washington Street, Boston; also Lewis Wyman, dealer in diamonds, corner of Winter and Washington Streets, Boston; and F. R. Cutter, 314 Broadway, Somerville; also with W. W. Stall, dealer in bicycles, 509 Tremont Street, Boston. The premises made use of by Mr. Smith are located at 91 Marshall Street, where in addition to Jewelry, Silverware, etc., he deals in Bicycles and Bicycle Sundries, being the local agent for the leading high and medium grades of Safety Bicycles. Mr. Smith does a thriving retail business and employs one Watchmaker and Bicycle repairer. Such commissions are promptly executed at reasonable rates, all work being fully guaranteed. His stock should be examined by all desirous of obtaining the newest and most correct goods the market affords.

**J. A. MERRIFIELD,** Dealer in Hot-Air Furnaces, Ranges, Cooking and Parlor Stoves, Hardware, Glass, Japanned Britannia, Wooden and Willow Ware; Plumbing, Roofs Tinned, Tin and Sheet Iron Work done in all its branches; No. 486 Somerville Avenue, near Bleachery, Somerville, Mass.—It is sometimes very hard to discriminate between true and false economy, and many persons think they are saving money by a certain course of conduct when in reality they are wasting it. An example of this may be found in the experience of those who persist in using an old style or worn out cooking or heating stove in order to save the expense of a new one. If fuel cost nothing, perhaps there might be a saving by this course of action, but as a matter of fact it costs considerable, and the difference in the amount consumed in a single year will often amount to enough to buy a new stove, for it should be remembered that the latest styles are much more economical of fuel than the older ones, besides being much more convenient and more easily managed. Mr. J. A. Merrifield deals largely in the most improved Hot-Air Furnaces, Ranges, Cooking and Parlor Stoves, and those wishing to see the latest novelties in this line should call at his store, No. 486 Somerville Avenue. He quotes bottom prices too, and can fill all orders at short notice. Mr. Merrifield deals also in Registers, Grates, Mantels, Ventilators, Hardware, Glass, Japanned Britannia, Wooden and Willow Ware, and is prepared to do all kinds of Plumbing and Tin Roofing, as well as Tin and Sheet Iron Work in all its branches, in a superior manner without delay, as he employs thoroughly skilled workmen. Mr. Merrifield is very generally known in the business circles of Somerville and vicinity, he having carried on his present enterprise since 1856, the first Stove Hardware Store started in Somerville.

**H. A. CHICK & CO.,** Practical Upholsterers and Furniture Repairers, Bed Lounges wholesale and retail, 155 Washington Street, Hadley Block, Somerville, Mass.—While there is much work about a house that a careful housekeeper can do herself or have done under her own direction in the way of cleaning and renovating, there is also considerable that requires special facilities and experience to do successfully and here is where the services of a competent upholsterer become of value. We are aware that there are some claiming to be practical upholsterers who are utterly unworthy of the name, while there are others who may be trusted to perform all the work allotted to them with fidelity and discretion. Prominent among such are Messrs. H. A. Chick & Co., located at No. 155 Washington Street, Somerville, where they removed their business in 1880 from Central Square, having established it in 1877. Every facility is at hand to perform all the work which may be received at short notice, and in the same thoroughly first-class manner that has ever characterized the operation of this concern. Mr. Chick is a thoroughly practical Upholsterer and Furniture repairer, and deals in Bed Lounges, wholesale and retail. Hair mattresses are made over and to order; Carpets, the best make in market, sold, made, fitted and put down, and save you money every time. Feather Beds cleaned, Parlor Suits, Student Chairs and Bed Lounges to order. Chairs re-seated. Skilled assistants are employed and we can assure our readers that they will find it to their advantage to avail themselves of the inducements presented by this firm, which is composed of Messrs. H. A. and C. H. Chick, both natives of Livingstone, Maine. Orders are solicited and promptly attended to.



# E. H. MARSH,

## Funeral Director.

Office, 42 Lincoln Street, EAST SOMERVILLE.

Residence, 24 Lincoln Street.

**M. LAIGHTON**, Carpenter and Builder, No. 50 Broadway, Somerville.—One of the first questions to be settled by those contemplating building is whether an architect shall be employed or not, and the answer depends so greatly upon the circumstances in the case that no general rule can be given, but there is one rule without exception and that is, the choice of a builder is of more importance than anything else. The most skillful and conscientious architect cannot force a dishonest or an incompetent builder to do uniformly good work, and on the other hand, a builder who has the desire and the means to do what is right will try his best to satisfy his customers, architect or no architect. There you have the whole situation in a nutshell. The skill, enterprise and faithfulness with which Mr. M. Loughton has carried out his contracts and general business since beginning operations in Somerville in 1865 has excited much favorable comment and proves him worthy of every confidence. He is a native of New Hampshire and has had long and varied experience in the carpentering and building business. Estimates will be cheerfully given on application, and job carpentering of all kinds will be done in a thoroughly workmanlike manner at moderate rates and at short notice. The office and shop are located at No. 50 Broadway, and callers will find Mr. Loughton prepared to figure very closely on plans and specifications.

**MIDDLESEX FELS FARM BAKERY** and Home Dining Room, Stickney Building, Winter Hill, opposite the depot, Somerville, Mass.—The wide popularity of Somerville as a vacation resort is largely due to the fact that one may live here as cheaply or as expensively as he wishes. You may spend \$50 a week or \$5 a week for board and lodging, and in either event you will not lack company, for those to whom "money is no object" and those to whom it is a very considerable object both visit Somerville in very large numbers, and enjoy themselves immensely, too. Excellent accommodations may be obtained at very low rates if you only know how, and one very popular and satisfactory way is to hire a room in some conveniently located private house and eat at the Home Dining Room of the Middlesex Fells Farm Bakery. This enterprise was started in 1890, intending to furnish only the choicest Bread and Pastry, but the popularity in this line was so pronounced that further demands by patrons led to furnishing well-cooked meals. The trade in Pastry, Bread, Cakes, etc., is rapidly increasing. Boarders are accommodated with meals by the day or week, a varied bill of fare and excellent food and good cooking and at very reasonable prices, while the service is prompt and obliging. This Dining Room is located in the Stickney Building, Winter Hill, opposite the depot, and the hour for meals is 5 to 8, Breakfast; 12 to 2, Dinner; 5 to 7, Supper; and on Sundays 6 to 9 for Breakfast, 12 to 2, Dinner, and 5 to 6, Supper.

**AUSTIN CROWELL**, Merchant Tailor, No. 323 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—It is as true now as in Shakespeare's day "that the apparel oft proclaims the man," but in some cases it does not, for the simple reason that many experience difficulty in getting clothing that suits them, and, of course, clothing that is unsatisfactory to its wearer cannot be regarded as representative. In this connection we may properly call attention to the facilities offered by Mr. Austin Crowell, who carries on business as a merchant tailor at No. 323 Somerville Avenue, for since he began operations here in 1888 he has been very successful in suiting the individual tastes of his patrons, and we risk nothing in guaranteeing satisfaction to everyone appreciative of artistic clothing who may place an order with him, especially as his charges are very reasonable, when the uniformly excellent quality of the work is considered. The premises occupied are roomy and well arranged, and one is always sure to find here many late and attractive novelties in foreign and domestic fabrics for gentlemen's wear. Employment is given to from eight to ten assistants, and orders can generally be filled at short notice.

**ERNEST PAON**, Dealer in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, Odd Fellows Block, Cor. Broadway and Marshall Street, Winter Hill.—This store will certainly prove a "bonanza" to all who wish to procure fashionable and well made boots, shoes and rubbers at the very lowest market rates. A heavy and varied stock of the above named goods is constantly on hand. The proprietor is Mr. Ernest Paon, who inaugurated his present enterprise in 1887, and has fairly won the success he has gained by his energetic and intelligent efforts to serve the public to the best advantage. Mr. Paon has no old stock to "work off," no superannuated goods to offer as "astounding bargains," but he has a most skillfully selected assortment of fresh and desirable goods which he warrants to prove just as represented, and sells at positively bottom prices at all times. The premises, which are located in Odd Fellows Block, corner Broadway and Marshall streets, Winter Hill, are 30x19 feet in dimensions. Sufficient help is employed to assure prompt and polite attention to all customers, and it is the intention of Mr. Paon to deserve and retain the name of a cheap and reliable shoe store. Custom work and repairing are also made a specialty.

# FULLER & MATTHEWS, Carpenters and Builders,

JOBGING A SPECIALTY.

323 Broadway, Winter Hill,

FRANK A. FULLER, Residence 10 Sargent Ave.  
GEO. F. MATTHEWS, Residence 27 Conwell St.

SOMERVILLE, MASS.

**W. F. MARBLE**, Dealer in Fish and Oysters, Manufacturer of Standard Salad Dressing, No. 5 Temple Street, Somerville, Mass.—In buying Fish, even more than in buying Meat, it is very important to have dealings with a reliable house, for although fresh Fish is one of the most healthful foods known, it becomes quite the opposite of this after it has been out of the water too long. But, however, there is no trouble in obtaining the best of Fish in prime condition if you only know where to look for it, and we can assure our readers that one of the best places to look for it in Somerville is at the establishment conducted by Mr. W. F. Marble and located at No. 5 Temple Street. This enterprise was inaugurated by him in 1885. A well selected stock is always on hand to choose from, the proprietor being careful to handle only the best goods to be found in the market. Fresh Fish of all descriptions may be obtained at this store and the prices quoted are very low, notwithstanding the superiority of the goods. Oysters are largely dealt in and as one reliable assistant is employed all orders are assured of being promptly filled. Mr. Marble is a native of Gloucester, and very well known in this vicinity. He is also the manufacturer of the "Standard Salad Dressing."

**JAMES BARTLEY**, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in First-Class Groceries, Teas, Coffees and Flour, Best Grades Creamery and Dairy Butter a Specialty, Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—Mr. James Bartley handles first-class groceries at both wholesale and retail, and makes special efforts to accommodate retail buyers. The premises occupied are located in Union Square, and are 20x50 feet in dimensions, and as they comprise one floor and a basement, there are 2,000 square feet available and a storehouse in the rear of about equal space, making about 4,000 square feet,—all this large amount of space being required to accommodate the heavy and varied stock which is constantly carried. It includes first-class staples and fancy groceries of all kinds; and as they are selected with an especial consideration of the requirements of family trade, it contains no goods that cannot confidently be guaranteed to prove precisely as represented. Choice teas, coffees and flour are also included in the stock dealt in, and a specialty is made of the best grades of creamery and dairy butter, so that the most fastidious tastes can be suited. This business may be said to have been founded eighteen years ago, operations having been begun in 1873 by the present proprietor. Mr. James Bartley is a native of New Hampshire and is well known throughout Somerville and vicinity, where he has gained a high position among the progressive business men, both as a wholesale and retail dealer.

**J. E. B. LOVERING**, Registered Pharmacist, Pearl, corner Franklin Street, Somerville, Mass.—It is safe to say that no establishment in Somerville is more deserving of hearty and generous patronage than that conducted by Mr. J. E. B. Lovering, for no establishment is of more genuine utility or more liberally managed. Mr. Lovering has carried on his present business since 1888, it having been founded in 1859. He is a registered pharmacist and a member of the Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association, and carries a complete stock of pure drugs, medicines and chemicals, obtaining them from the most reliable sources and sparing no pains to handle as high a grade of goods as the market affords. Special attention is given to the compounding of physicians' prescriptions, every facility being provided to ensure absolute accuracy in the smallest details of the work, and to enable orders to be filled at very short notice. The charges are uniformly moderate, as low, in fact, as is consistent with the use of materials of standard quality. The premises made use of and located on Pearl, corner of Franklin St., comprise the ground floor, 30 x 40 feet in dimensions, and contain besides the articles already mentioned a full line of druggist sundries, etc., which are sold at bottom prices. Mr. Lovering employs only registered pharmacists for clerks.

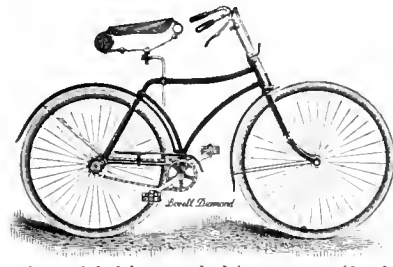
**A. L. PROCTOR**, Dealer in Beef, Pork, Lamb, Veal, Poultry, Etc. Fruits and Vegetables of all kinds in their Season. Somerville Avenue, cor. Park Street.—The importance of the meat and provision trade cannot be over-estimated, for it is truly one of the most prominent industries, engaging the attention of a large number of firms and individuals, and employing labor and capital to a marked degree. Though thousands of tons of these commodities are sold each year, there is no perceptible diminution in the demand for first-class goods. Among the houses devoted to the above named line of business in Somerville, that of Mr. A. L. Proctor occupies an honorable position. Mr. Proctor is very well known throughout this vicinity, and succeeded Mr. C. H. Carter in the control of his present enterprise in 1890. The premises occupied are located on Somerville Ave., cor. of Park St., and are filled with a well selected stock of choice meats, poultry, game, etc., and a large variety of fruits and vegetables of all kinds in their season. The large retail trade enjoyed requires the services of competent assistants, and its details are most ably managed. All the goods of this house are above comment, and all purchasers are too well aware of their extra quality to oblige us to call special attention to them.

J. A. ANDREWS,

BAKER AND CATERER.

Beautiful View given with every purchase of Brown Bread.

15 and 17 Washington Street, SOMERVILLE, MASS.



**DANIEL CROCKER, Watchmaker, Etc., 50 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.**—This is a "free country," we are often told, and indeed it is, if anything, too free in some respects, for there is nothing to hinder a man who doesn't know the difference between a hair spring and a mineral spring from hanging out a sign, "Expert Watchmaker and Repairer," and running his chances of "making a spoon or spoiling a horn" when he is given a watch to repair. The law against obtaining goods under false pretence doesn't apply to his case, so you can't prosecute him criminally even if he ruins your watch, your only remedy being a civil suit for damages and that, of course, would cost more than you could probably recover. In short, your only protection against loss is to satisfy yourself of the competency and reliability of a watchmaker before placing an

order with him, and this may easily be done in the case of Mr. Daniel Crocker, for he has carried on operations here in Somerville for the past eight years and has long held his present leading position among the most skillful watchmakers and repairers in this part of the state. He is a native of Barstable, Mass., and began his present business in Somerville in 1883. Mr. Crocker utilizes a part of the store located at 50 Union Square, which has facilities which enable him to successfully undertake the most difficult and delicate work, and to execute commissions at short notice as well as at uniformly moderate rates. Mr. Crocker is agent for Somerville for the Lovell Diamond Safety Bicycle. Be sure to obtain a catalogue of Mr. Crocker before purchasing a machine, for he can save you money, and furnish you as good a machine as is sold anywhere.

**MISS N. C. SHANNON, Dry and Fancy Goods, also Dressmaking, 434 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.**—Many a lady has learned from experience that it is the truest economy to obtain the services of an experienced and skillful dressmaker when her wardrobe is to be replenished, for time, trouble and money may be saved by so doing, and the results attained will be far more satisfactory in every way than would be the case were skilled assistance dispensed with. Of course there are some dressmakers, particularly in large cities, who are so exorbitant in their demands that none but the rich can afford to employ them, but high charges are by no means a sure proof of high merit, and those who have done business with Miss N. C. Shannon know that reasonable prices and first-class work sometimes go together. This lady is very well known throughout Somerville, and has been identified with her present line of business since 1891. The premises occupied by her are conveniently located at 434 Somerville Avenue, and are most conveniently fitted up for the proper conduct of the business carried on. Miss Shannon handles a well chosen stock of dry and fancy goods, stationery, etc., retailing the articles contained therein at very moderate rates. She also does an extensive business in dressmaking, and in teaching the system of dress cutting. Miss Shannon gives close personal attention to all branches of her business, and spares no pains to satisfy every customer. Orders are promptly delivered at the time promised, while the character of the work is such that we have no hesitation in guaranteeing entire satisfaction to every reasonable customer. The New England Academy of Dress-cutting has opened a branch at 434 Somerville Avenue. We teach a perfect system of cutting (both plain and French bias), fitting and draping at a moderate price. Learning this system will enable you to do your own dressmaking. Why not save money? Please call and investigate.

**JAMES C. TAYLOR, Merchant Tailor:** particular attention given to Dyeing, Cleansing and Repairing Clothes, 297 Broadway, Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass.—The idea that economy consists of paying as low a price as possible for everything that is purchased is a very mistaken one, and there are few who have had any experience in buying who entertain it. There are many other things to be taken into consideration besides the first cost, especially in the buying of Clothing, for in the selection of Garments, style, neatness and durability should all be provided for. There are some few who can get a good fit in ready made clothing and are perfectly satisfied with such garments, but the large majority would have their clothing made to order if they thought they could afford it, and we are convinced that more can afford it than now believe they can, for as a call at the store of Mr. James C. Taylor will prove first-class custom Clothing can now be obtained at but little more than is asked for dependable ready made garments, and the superior wearing qualities of the former more than compensate for the slight difference in price. Mr. Taylor has carried on his present business since 1890, having succeeded to that conducted by Mr. Jas. H. Flaws, and should be in a position to satisfy the most critical both as regards price and workmanship. He carries a fine and varied stock of Fabrics, and a visit to his establishment, No. 297 Broadway, Winter Hill, will show that all tastes and ages can be suited, while five competent assistants are employed and orders are assured immediate attention.

**EDWIN CONNELL,**✧ **Plumber and Gas Fitter.** ✧**SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO JOBBING WORK.****143 Pearl Street,****SOMERVILLE, MASS.**

**S. H. LIBBY**, Auctioneer, Real Estate Broker, Justice of Peace, Notary Public and Insurance Agent, Masonic Building, 28 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—The causes which have led to the existing activity in Somerville real estate need not be discussed in these columns; the fact is evident, and the reasons for it are foreign to our present purpose, which is simply to aid our readers in operating in such prosperity. No more valuable and efficient aid can be given than to call attention to the facilities offered by Mr. S. H. Libby, for this gentleman is extensively engaged in the handling of desirable property throughout Somerville and vicinity, having many estates, representing a wide range of value, for sale, to let, and for exchange. Mr. Libby is a native of Maine, but is an old and well-known resident of Somerville, and is thoroughly identified with the advancement of its best interests, and the development of local and suburban resources. Mr. Libby's office is located in Masonic Building, 28 Union Square, and no one should invest a dollar in real estate in that section without giving him a call. He is also an auctioneer, justice of peace, and notary public, and does a general insurance business, and is prepared to effect insurance to any desired amount in standard companies at the most favorable rates. Mr. Libby has had an experience in public affairs in Somerville that especially qualifies him for the business in which he is engaged, for he was for 11 years chairman of the investing committee and director of the Co-operative Bank, and 9 years principal assessor of the city, and has served in both branches of the city government, and was the second president of the common council.

**JOHN A. NAUGLER**, 252 Pearl St., Citizen Building, Somerville. Fresh and Salt Water Fish, Oysters, Clams, Etc.—Fish is one of the most popular articles of food we have, and it is well that it is so, for it is both cheap and healthful. The only disadvantage connected with the use of it is that it must be perfectly fresh in order to be palatable and nutritious, and there is no difficulty in obtaining perfectly fresh fish if you only know where to look for it. For instance, make a call on Mr. John A. Naugler, doing business at No. 252 Pearl Street, and you will find that his stock of fresh and salt water fish, oysters and clams is full and complete, and that every article sold by him is guaranteed to be satisfactory and to prove as represented. The business was inaugurated in 1890. A very large and growing business has been built up and he is now better prepared than ever before to supply anything in his line at the lowest market rates and to give prompt and careful attention to orders. Employment is given to only competent assistants, and all customers are assured prompt and courteous service. Mr. Naugler is a native of Provincetown, Mass.

**JOHN J. KEARNEY**, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, 163 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—The undertaking carried on by Mr. John J. Kearney was founded by him in 1886, and now ranks with the most popular of its kind in this vicinity. He has so extended and varied experience in connection with his present line of business as to be able to offer his customers special advantages, as indeed may be guessed from the popularity of his establishment, it being one of the most liberally patronized stores of its kind in this vicinity. The premises made use of are located at No. 163 Somerville Avenue, being 25 x 25 feet in dimensions, and contain a large and particularly varied stock, comprising groceries and provisions, confectionery and pastry, etc., all of which are offered at the lowest market rates. Mr. Kearney caters to all classes of trade and endeavors to fully satisfy every customer, his goods being warranted to prove as represented, and prompt and polite attention being assured to all. Employment is given to two assistants, and orders will be carefully filled and delivered at short notice.

**RAMSAY CLARKE**, Painter, 534 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—Mr. Ramsay Clarke is widely known throughout Somerville and vicinity, for he has built up an extensive business in painting of all kinds. His shop is located at 534 Somerville Avenue and is supplied with all necessary facilities for the filling of orders in a thoroughly satisfactory manner and at very short notice. House and sign painting is an art, and as in order to obtain the best results it is necessary not only to use carefully chosen stock, but to employ skilled and careful labor, the advantages to be gained by dealing with such a man as Mr. Clarke become obvious. We have no hesitation in guaranteeing complete satisfaction to all who may favor him with their orders, these being filled at short notice, and at the lowest rates consistent with the use of standard stock and the employment of skilled labor. There is one thing that should be always borne in mind, and that is that the kind of stock used and the manner in which it is applied have everything to do with the economy of the process.

# **Dr. J. M. NEALL,**

## **Dentist,**

**Room No. 2, Eberle Building, Union Square,  
SOMERVILLE, MASS.**

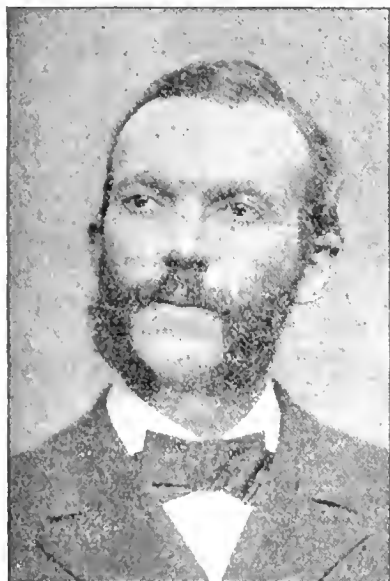
**W. N. MCCRILLIS**, Painter, Paper Hanger, Etc., No. 246 Pearl Street, Somerville, Mass.—One of the well managed and thoroughly reliable painting and paper hanging establishments in Somerville is that conducted by Mr. W. N. McCrillis. It was founded by its present proprietor, and since its inception he has won a wide custom and reputation for fine work as the fitting reward of business enterprise and careful attention to the wants of patrons. The proprietor by long experience and a thorough knowledge of every department of his business is admirably fitted to superintend the finest class of work and is enabled to do this at unusually reasonable rates. He employs a sufficient force of thoroughly skilled assistants, and the large number of houses and signs which he has painted and decorated in the most approved and beautiful styles bear ample testimony to the high character of his skill and workmanship. He is prepared to fill orders for house and sign painting, fresco and decorating, paper hanging and glazing; and wagons and carriages are also painted and ornamented in first-class manner, and all patrons may place the most perfect confidence in his honorable dealings and skilled and satisfactory work, as Mr. McCrillis is very well-known throughout this vicinity.

**L. H. BROWN**, Hack, Livery, Boarding and Sale Stable, cor. Somerville Avenue and Prospect Street, Somerville, Mass. Particular Attention Given to Boarding Horses. Carriages and Harnesses for Sale.—Some livery stables are conducted on such unbusiness-like principles that a man who is accustomed to do business in a business way is sure to be profoundly disgusted whenever he has anything to do with them. When a man wants a team, is willing to use it properly and pay a fair price for the use of it, he is justified in expecting that his application for a turnout at a public stable will receive prompt attention, and that if a team is available it will be handed over to him after reasonable precautions have been taken to find out who he is, what he is and where he proposes to go. But some stable keepers act as if they were doing their customers a personal favor in giving them a team at all, and seem to consider every caller a horse thief in disguise. The successful stable proprietor can "size a man up" without learning his entire family history, and one prominent feature for the popularity enjoyed by the establishment conducted by Mr. L. H. Brown, is to be found in his possession of this faculty. This business was founded by him in 1876. The stable is located on Somerville Avenue and Prospect Street, and contains fifty stalls and some fine horses and carriages for livery service, while particular attention is given to boarding horses at reasonable prices. Mr. Brown is a native of New York, and served in the army.

**H. D. BROWN** (Successor to Brown & Call), Carriage and Wagon Builder, 288 Somerville Ave., Somerville, Mass. Repairing Neatly Done at Reasonable Prices.—The enterprise carried on by Mr. H. D. Brown has been conducted for a good many years and has been carefully managed from the very first, the result being that the business has steadily increased, for he is prepared to give honest value in buggies and business wagons, or to give prompt and careful attention to orders for repair work. Operations were begun by Messrs. Brown & Call in 1887, and they were succeeded by the present proprietor in 1890, who is a native of Vermont, and occupies premises at No. 288 Somerville Ave., 40 x 48 feet in size. Mr. Brown manufactures carriages and wagons of every description, and is in a position to fill orders at short notice, his factory being fitted up with improved facilities, while employment is given to three experienced assistants. Every detail of the work is carefully supervised, and as selected material is used and no imperfect work allowed to leave the shop it is but natural that the work produced here should wear well as well as look well. Moderate prices are quoted on all work. Those seeking a business wagon combining style, comfort and durability can do no better than to make choice of one of Mr. Brown's productions. A specialty is made of repairs.

**A. J. STEVENS**, Newsdealer, Confectioner and Dealer in Bakers' Goods, Corner Summer and School Streets, Somerville, Mass.—This enterprise was formerly conducted by Messrs. Miller & Son, but passed into the hands of the present proprietor in May, 1892. Mr. Stevens is a native of Fitchburg, Mass., and has been connected with this enterprise but a few months, but long enough to inaugurate many improvements in the business which are rapidly aiding in its successful development. The daily and weekly papers are kept for sale, as also the monthlies; subscriptions for any magazines and periodicals or weeklies are received at publishers' rates. Choice confections and bon-bons, together with bread, cake, pastry and temperance drinks, are a specialty. Holiday goods and school supplies are also a feature of the trade enjoyed. The store is located on the corner of Summer and School streets, which is in a portion of the city that is rapidly being developed. Mr. Stevens is devoting considerable attention to general real estate business, a specialty being made of selling building lots on the instalment plan.

**R. W. KNOX**, House and Decorative Painting, Glazing, etc., 28 Park Street, Somerville, Mass.—Not a few people seem to think that so long as a surface is smeared over with some substance resembling paint more or less, that is all that is necessary, and that the nature of the material used and the manner in which it is applied are of no practical consequence. Now, nothing could be further from the truth, for the fact is that the best painter cannot do a satisfactory job with poor stock, while on the other hand a building on which the very finest paint is lavishly used may be neither ornamental nor protected by the operation if the work has been improperly done. The moral of course is obvious. Entrust your painting to one who is capable of doing good work and is known to use reliable stock. Mr. R. W. Knox, doing business in Somerville, has carried on his present line of business since 1889, and the impression his methods have made on the public is seen in the fact that he does an extensive business in all kinds of House and Decorative Painting, Glazing, etc. The business premises occupied by him are located at 28 Park Street. Mr. Knox, who is a native of Nova Scotia, is thoroughly conversant with every detail of his trade. He has excellent facilities at his command, and as he employs only competent assistants, is consequently enabled to fill all orders at short notice and at reasonable rates, satisfaction being fully guaranteed as regards first-class work and materials used.



**E. E. KELSEY**, Teacher of Piano, Singing, Harmony and Theory, 96 Summer Street, Somerville, Mass.—There is no royal road to knowledge, and students must expect to have to work faithfully and persistently in order to attain even a respectable degree of success, but to say that the path cannot be made very much easier by a competent and painstaking instructor is equivalent to asserting that one may find his way through a trackless forest by means of a compass as easily and swiftly as though accompanied by a well-informed guide. It is necessary not only to know what direction to go but also how to avoid the dangers and mistakes which have checked the career of so many traveling in the same direction. It is really not worth while for a pupil to struggle along unassisted when competent aid may be obtained at such comparatively nominal expense. Mr. E. E. Kelsey is prepared to give instruction in vocal and instrumental music at very reasonable prices, and we take especial pleasure in calling attention to the fact, because we know him to be an energetic and thoroughly well informed teacher, who is remarkably successful in imbuing pupils with his own enthusiasm. The best indication of what may be expected by those profiting by his services is that afforded by the record of what he has done in the past, and to this we respectfully refer such of our readers as may desire to look into the matter. The Somerville Citizen Semi-Centennial Souvenir Issue has quite a sketch of Prof. Kelsey, the material of which was drawn mainly from an article accompanied by portrait in the *Key Note*, a leading musical journal of New York city, for November, 1891. Mr. Kelsey is a native of Ohio. Was educated at Oberlin College; enlisted in February, 1862, and served for three years and six months, first as a private in Co. C, 7th Ohio Infantry, and then as hospital steward United States Army. He was in the battles of Cedar Mountain and Antietam. He is a member of Willard C. Kingley Post 139, G. A. R., and has a very large circle of friends throughout this vicinity and in other states, as was shown by the

flattering endorsement he received for the U. S. Consulate at Munich, Germany. After the war he graduated from the old Boston Music School, and has subsequently taken a course of five years of continuous study in the College of Music of Boston University. He has also studied with such teachers as Sherwood, Eugene Thayer, Lavallee, Chelius, Geo. H. Howard, J. C. D. Parker, Myron W. Whitney, Miss Clara Smart, John Howard of New York, Dunham, F. B. Rice, Musical Doctor, A. K. Virgil and others. He gives instructions on Virgil, Prentice, the Clavier, and also Technique and Harmony, at the Training School of Music at Boston, of which he is one of the board of managers. Mr. Kelsey may be consulted at Room 20, Music Hall Building, Boston, or at his residence in Somerville, and callers will be given such further information concerning terms, hours, etc., as may be desired, on application. Wm. H. Sherwood, the greatest American pianist, says: "Mr. E. E. Kelsey is a thorough student of music, theoretical and practical, and of piano music according to modern progressive methods. I gladly recommend him to those desiring a competent teacher where so many are unfit to teach in accordance with the improvements of the day." Signed, Wm. H. Sherwood, Chicago, Conservatory of Music and Dramatic Art, Auditorium Building, March 28, 1891.

**MRS. THOMPSON and MRS. MORANG**, Dry and Fancy Goods, Toys, Etc., Summer and Cedar Streets, Somerville.—A commendable enterprise conducted by two ladies is about as short a description as can be given of the undertaking with which Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Morang are identified, but despite its brevity no one acquainted with the facts will question its correctness, for certainly a business which has been honorably and successfully conducted for this period in one community is proof that it is commendable. These ladies are natives of this city, and have carried on their present business since 1890. The premises made use of and located on Summer and Cedar streets comprise one floor, 20x35 feet in dimensions. They contain a varied stock, not large, but carefully selected for family trade and consists of dry and fancy goods, toys, confectionery, notions, etc. A respectable retail business is done; all orders are assured immediate as well as careful attention. Mrs. E. Thompson and Mrs. E. G. Morang comprise this firm; they quote the lowest market rates on all the commodities they handle, and we need hardly say that articles bought here will prove just as represented.



**CHAS. S. BUTTERS,**  
— DEALER IN —  
**Beef, Pork, Lamb, Mutton, Hams,**  
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**Elm, Corner Porter Street, and 29 Union Square,  
SOMERVILLE, MASS.**

Notwithstanding the large number of meat and grocery stores to be found in Somerville and vicinity, there are none too many of them where strictly dependable goods are sold at fair rates, for it is notorious that at some establishments of this kind it is practically impossible to obtain first-class food supplies at any price. There is an extensive and constantly increasing demand for the better grades of both meats and groceries, and we can give no better advice to such of our readers as may want anything in these lines than to call at the stores conducted by Mr. Charles S. Butters and located at No. 29 Union Square, Somerville, and on Elm, corner of Porter Street, West Somerville. Mr. Butters is a native of Massachusetts, and has been located in Union Square for about ten years. He is thoroughly acquainted with his business in every detail, and gives close personal attention to it. The premises occupied are well fitted up, and the stock constantly dealt comprises beef, pork, lamb, mutton, hams, butter, eggs, poultry, fruits and vegetables; also first-class groceries of all kinds. Mr. Butters caters to all classes of trade, and quotes bottom prices on all the goods he handles. Employment is afforded to eleven competent assistants, who are courteous and attentive to customers at all times, orders of all kinds being promptly and accurately filled.

**WM. A. FLAHERTY, Undertaker, 263 Washington Street, Somerville, Mass.**—Of late years there has been a growing tendency to entrust the entire charge of funerals to undertakers known to have both the experience and the facilities necessary to the attainment of satisfactory results, and this practice is very commendable, inasmuch as it relieves the afflicted of all responsibility at a time when all duties of whatever nature are sure to be irksome and wearing. Without making any invidious comparisons, we still feel perfectly at liberty to call attention to the excellence and reliability of the service which Mr. Wm. A. Flaherty is prepared to render, for it is highly important that orders for undertaking goods, etc., should be placed in thoroughly competent and dependable hands, and there is no person in this town better prepared to execute both large and small commissions than the gentleman mentioned. Mr. Flaherty is a native of Massachusetts, and has been identified with his present business here in Somerville since 1879. His business premises are located at 263 Washington street, where all orders left for funeral undertaking will receive prompt and intelligent attention. The funeral goods furnished are of the best materials, and the prices quoted on these, as well as in every department of the business, will be found to be very moderate.

**JOHN H. GRAY, Bakery: Cakes and Pastry; No. 6 Marshall Street, Somerville.**—There can be no possible doubt of the usefulness of such an establishment as that carried on by Mr. John H. Gray, for in a town like Somerville there are many families that find it much more economical and convenient to purchase bread, cake, pastry, etc., etc., than to make it at home, and the goods furnished at this popular bakery are carefully manufactured from the best obtainable materials, and are consequently palatable, healthful and satisfying to the most fastidious tastes. The business was founded by the present proprietor in 1889, who is a native of New Hampshire, and thoroughly familiar with his business, and gives its many details close personal supervision. Well equipped premises, located at No. 6 Marshall street, one floor and basement, 20x30 feet in size, are utilized, and a very complete and attractive stock is constantly carried, the goods comprising it being renewed at frequent intervals and consequently being always fresh and desirable. Bread, cake and pastry, etc., are largely dealt in, while all orders are filled at short notice and at uniformly reasonable rates.

**L. A. WRIGHT, Carriage Repairing and Jobbing, No. 192 Broadway, Somerville, Mass.**—The business carried on by Mr. L. A. Wright was founded in 1886. He is a native of Canada, and his liberal and enterprising methods have received favorable comment from all with whom he has had business dealings. His shop, which is located at 192 Broadway, is well fitted up with all the necessary facilities for the execution of carriage work in general, and special attention is given carriage repairing and general jobbing of every description. No trouble is spared to secure neatness and durability in every job turned out, and the carriages made by Mr. Wright are guaranteed in every particular, they being made of selected material in the most careful and skillful manner. No fancy prices are quoted, full value being returned for every dollar received in every instance. Orders can be filled at very short notice when necessary.



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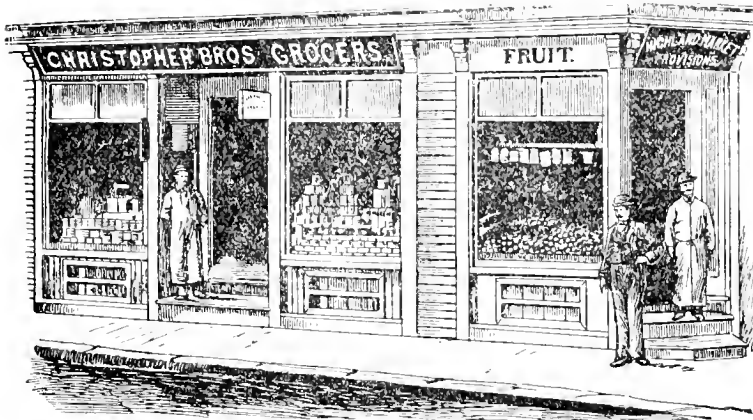
The management of a retail store, and especially of a retail market, is what makes the difference between success and failure; and plain as this would seem to be it is very often lost sight of, and the result is that some dealers who handle satisfactory goods and quote moderate prices utterly fail in establishing or in holding a business. What we mean by good management may be seen by a visit to Snow's market, at the corner of Pearl and Walnut Streets. Here you will find an attractive new store and an attractive new stock, but you will not find "a new man," or at least not one new to the business, for Mr. W. H. Snow has had long and varied experience, and for more than six years catered to Somerville people as manager of Knight's market. Therefore he knows what they want, and, what's more, he proposes to see that they get it, provided of course it is anything in reason, and we need hardly add that Somerville people are not at all apt to be unreasonable in their demands. Orders are filled intelligently; their delivery is looked after sharply and somebody is held responsible for the prompt and faithful performance of each of the various duties incidental to the business—hence the service is uniformly accurate and satisfactory. As the stock includes full lines of meats, provisions, flour, fruit, teas, coffees, etc., orders can be filled at short notice, and a specialty is made of butter, it being received direct from the creameries every week and being sold by the pound or in five pound boxes or larger lots at the lowest market rates.

**E. A. MAYNARD**, Bakery, Agent for F. G. Ray & Son's Troy Laundry, 528 Medford Street, North Somerville.—The persons who condemn all bakers' products because the goods produced by some bakers are not what they should be, are as illogical as one would be who should declare that all home made bread was unfit to eat because his wife always made bread that was heavy and sour. Some bakers' bread is poor stuff; so is some home made bread, but how foolish it would be to give up bread entirely on that account! There is no trouble in obtaining first-class bakers' goods if you know where to look for them; and we have not the slightest hesitation in guaranteeing satisfaction to all who may buy from Mr. E. A. Maynard of No. 528 Medford street, North Somerville, for the simple reason that his goods cannot fail to suit the most fastidious, as they are equal to the very best the market affords. This is a purely domestic bakery, catering to family trade only, and making a leading specialty of bread. Mr. Maynard has taken several first prizes for his bread, among them one awarded at the Mechanics' Fair; and if such of our readers as can't get bakers' bread that suits them will try some of his make we are confident that they will patronize his bakery exclusively afterwards. His cake, pastry, etc., are also unexcelled and his prices are within the means of all. One department of his business is uncommon, not to say unique, and will be of special interest to those wishing to introduce new brands of flour. He is a professional "flour sample baker,"—that is, he is employed by millers, millers' agents, etc., to bake sample loaves from various brands of flour; seal them up in air-tight tin boxes and ship them to Europe—thus saving the expense and risk of sending cargo lots of flour to a foreign market without any idea of whether it would prove satisfactory or not. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating,"—and the proof of the flour, too. Mr. Maynard is agent for Ray's Troy Laundry, and work left with him is assured skillful performance and prompt delivery.

**FRANKLIN ELECTRIC WORKS**, General Jobbing, Press Work, Die, Mould and Model Making; Experimental Electrical Work a Specialty; Edward L. Orcutt, Manager, 6 Bow Street Place (Union Square), Somerville, Mass., Connected by Telephone.—The service afforded by the Franklin Electric Works may be roughly divided into two departments, one of which comprises the furnishing and setting up and repairing of electrical apparatus for the general public, while the other includes press work, general jobbing, die, mould and model making and experimental electrical work—the latter being made a leading specialty by this well equipped concern, of which Mr. Edward L. Orcutt is manager, and which maintains a large and well fitted up shop at No. 6 Bow Street Place, near Union Square. The Franklin Electric Works were established in 1886, and have gained an extended and high reputation in connection with the prompt and intelligent filling of orders at reasonable rates. A full assortment of bells, batteries, magnet wire, office and annunciator wire, press buttons, door pulls, etc., is constantly carried in stock, and these and kindred goods are furnished at wholesale or retail at bottom prices, quality considered. Public and private buildings will be fitted up and the plant kept in order, and electrical work of every description will be done in a thoroughly scientific and durable manner and at the shortest possible notice.

**F. W. PEARSON**, Ice Cream and Confectionery, 5 Marshall Street, Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass.—There is no doubt but that the consumption of ice cream and confectionery is steadily increasing, even faster than the increase in population, but it is equally unquestionable that this increased demand is for goods of superior quality and merit, and not for the "grocer's candies" which were at one time so popular. The fact is not only are the people getting richer and hence having more money to spend on luxuries, but the standard of taste is being raised and choicer and more delicately flavored candies are being demanded annually. Mr. F. W. Pearson, of No. 5 Marshall street, Winter Hill, has built up a very large and desirable trade during the comparatively short time that he has conducted his present establishment, and this success is the natural consequence of his recognizing the facts to which we have referred. He at all times carries a large and varied stock, and spares no pains to offer goods that will surely suit the most fastidious. Ice cream, 40 cents per quart, \$1.50 per gallon, and nothing but the very best of material is used, and all orders are delivered promptly, while only the best of confectionery is made and sold. The premises utilized comprise one store, 15x25 feet in size, which is tastefully and conveniently fitted up, the stock being displayed to excellent advantage and being renewed so frequently that the goods are always fresh and attractive.





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There is of course more or less resemblance between all family groceries, and yet each of them has certain characteristics of its own which either commend it or condemn it, as the case may be. Take, for instance, the establishment conducted by Messrs. Christopher Brothers of No. 259 and 261 Summer street, and we believe it is not at all difficult to account for its popularity, for although other stores may carry equally large stocks, quote equally low prices and be equally prompt and accurate in the delivery of orders, still there are few others which combine all these good points, and fewer still possess another, that of holding only strictly reliable goods. This enterprise was inaugurated by Messrs. Emerson and Leander Christopher in 1883 under the present style name. They are natives of Nova Scotia, and are thoroughly acquainted with their business, which they give close personal attention. They both were formerly with Messrs. Cobb, Bates & Yersa of Boston. The premises occupy one floor, 40x40 feet in dimensions, and are heavily stocked with choice imported and domestic groceries and provisions, the latter branch being recently added. Four competent assistants are employed to ensure prompt and courteous attention to every caller, and orders will be filled at the shortest possible notice, the goods being guaranteed to prove just as represented.

**LYMAN B. RICH**, Real Estate and Insurance, Citizen Building, opposite Winter Hill Depot, Somerville, Mass.—The Real Estate and Insurance Agency business conducted by Mr. Lyman B. Rich was established some three years ago, so that the public has had ample opportunity to become conversant with his methods and to judge intelligently concerning his facilities and ability. That the verdict is distinctly favorable is evidenced by the testimonials of his customers, and indeed but few inquiries are necessary in order to demonstrate the fact that Mr. Rich is considered a competent authority on Real Estate matters, making his co-operation of great value to those seeking dependable and "inside" information concerning this class of property. His office is located in the Citizen Building, opposite Winter Hill depot, and as he always has on his books some very desirable Real Estate to sell, rent or exchange, those wishing to invest in, to dispose of, or to hire a house, store or tenement may save themselves time, trouble and perhaps money by taking advantage of the facilities here provided. Information will be cheerfully and courteously given and we are confident our readers will have reason to thank us for calling their attention to this well-equipped and popular agency. Mr. Rich represents some of the best Fire Insurance Companies and is prepared to write policies at the very lowest market rates on "insurance that insures."

**J. A. BREMNER & CO.** (Successors to L. W. Bowen & Co.), Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Paper Hangings, Interior Decorations, Picture Frames, Torchon and other Mats, Picture Mouldings, Room Mouldings, Drapery Poles, Window Shades, Etc., No. 21 Bow Street; Factory, Post Office Square, Somerville, Mass.; 215 Main Street, Brockton.—The manufacture of wall papers has developed wonderfully in this country of late years, and it is now possible to obtain artistic and beautiful paper hangings at such low rates as to put them within the means of practically all. But much depends upon the discrimination used in the placing of orders, for some dealers quote fancy prices upon all the grades they handle, while others make a specialty of foreign papers, and cater particularly to that class of trade to whom "money is no object,"—placing their prices so high as to be "out of sight," so far as the average buyer is concerned. On the other hand, there are dealers who give special attention to the handling of domestic papers, and are content with a small margin of profit, and prominent among such is the firm of J. A. Bremner & Co., successors to L. W. Bowen & Co., and doing business at No. 21 Bow St., Somerville, with moulding and picture frame factory at Post Office Square. They also have another prominent store at 215 Main St., Brockton, Mass. This concern was formed in 1886, and was constituted of Messrs. L. W. Bowen and J. A. Bremner, the former a native of Charlestown and the latter of Chatham, N. B., Mr. J. A. Bremner assuming sole control of the business January, 1892. They carry a large stock and a full line of samples of paper hangings, embracing the very latest novelties, and the productions of the leading domestic and foreign manufacturers, for they are prepared to furnish all grades of foreign papers, although they make a specialty of those of domestic manufacture. Their prices are as low as the lowest, and orders for paper hanging will be filled at short notice and in the most workmanlike manner, satisfaction being guaranteed. Whitewashing and coloring will also be done in first-class style at low rates, and picture mouldings and window shades will be furnished at bottom prices. Picture frames will be made to order at short notice, and quite a jobbing trade is enjoyed with out-of-town stores, a specialty being made in that line.

**F. W. PUTNEY**, Prescription Druggist, Broadway, corner Rush Street, Somerville, Mass.—Every experienced physician will agree that the cure of disease would be much more easy than is now the case were the Drugs and Medicines sold by every dealer uniform in character. The public is apt to suspect that a physician who directs them to a certain pharmacy does so because he receives a percentage of the cost of the medicines sold, but this is so seldom the case as to be unworthy of consideration. The fact is a physician learns that a certain pharmacist obtains his supplies from reliable sources, renews them often enough to prevent serious deterioration from age and is skillful and careful in the compounding of prescriptions. As these things enable the effects of prescriptions put up at his establishment to be more accurately prepared than would otherwise be possible, and as the professional reputation of the physician is directly dependent upon his prescriptions, having the desired effect, what more natural than that he should direct where they should be compounded? Mr. F. W. Putney is among the most popular Druggists in this section, not only among physicians but also the general public, for he has had long experience in the business and his methods are reliable. He makes a specialty of compounding prescriptions. He is a native of New Hampshire and his store, located on Broadway, cor. Rush Street, is 20 x 30 feet in size, prescriptions being promptly and very carefully compounded at reasonable rates. While the prescription trade is the leading feature of the business, mention ought also to be made of his fine stock of druggists' sundries and fancy goods, fine line of choice cigars and tobacco, also of the fine trade enjoyed at the soda fountain, where are drawn as fine delicately flavored drinks as can be found in the city.

**C. S. NOYES**, Manufacturer and Dealer in Cigars and Tobacco, also Smokers' Articles; Box Trade and Private Brands a Specialty; 10 Marshall Street, Odd Fellows' Building, Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass.—There is but one sure way of distinguishing a good Cigar, and that is to smoke it, for in spite of the claims of self-styled "experts," we question if there be a man living who can infallibly judge by any other means. Examination will tell whether a cigar is well made or not, and whether it is well seasoned or not, but beyond this it avails but little, and therefore the smoker has one surety that he will not be imposed upon, and that is the reputation of the dealer from whom he buys. Mr. C. S. Noyes has long had the name of selling thoroughly satisfactory cigars at moderate prices, and this name is so well deserved that we feel that we can do our readers no greater service than to call their attention to this gentleman's establishment at No. 10 Marshall Street, Winter Hill, for here may be found a remarkably complete assortment of Cigars and Tobacco, and also Smokers' Articles of all kinds, and prices are as satisfactory as are the goods themselves. The store is 15 x 25 feet in size and Mr. Noyes manufactures as well as deals in Cigars and Tobacco, giving work to only capable and competent assistants. He is a native of Auburn and has carried on his present enterprise since 1888, and makes a specialty of Box Trade and Private Brands.

**PROSPECT HILL MARKET**, Dealers in Groceries and Provisions, Fruit and Vegetables of all kinds, Canned Goods, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Etc.; J. S. McDonough, 161 and 163 Washington Street, Somerville, Mass.—Washington Street is a very busy thoroughfare and there are many well equipped Grocery houses located upon it, but among these there is not one more deserving of the popularity it has attained than is that conducted by Mr. J. S. McDonough, proprietor of the Prospect Hill Market. The business in question was founded in 1880 by Mr. W. S. Ward, who was succeeded by the present proprietor in the early part of the current year. The premises made use of are located at Nos. 161 and 163 Washington Street, and are very spacious, being the first floor, 35 x 40 feet in dimensions, and a cellar. The stock is in harmony with the premises, for it is very extensive and is so complete in every department that no trouble is met with in suiting all tastes and all purses. Mr. McDonough, who is a native of Portland, Maine, caters especially to family trade and obtains his supplies from the most reputable sources, thus being in a position to guarantee satisfaction to his customers, both as regards the quality and the price of the goods offered. These include not only Groceries and Provisions of all kinds, but also Fruit and Vegetables of all kinds, Canned Goods, Butter, Cheese and Eggs, etc., while no fancy prices are quoted.

**J. HERBERT THOMPSON**, Livery, Board and Feed Stable, 287 Broadway Street, Somerville, Mass.—The character of the Livery service offered by Mr. J. Herbert Thompson should certainly be thoroughly familiar to the residents of Somerville, for this gentleman has been identified with the business interests of this city for the past ten years. The business was originally started by Messrs. Nelson and Thompson in 1882, who were succeeded by the present proprietor in 1890. Mr. Thompson is a native of Vermont and is one of the best known business men in this section. His stable is spacious and well arranged and is looked upon as the headquarters of the Livery service in this vicinity. The stable contains sixty stalls, and we would advise all interested readers who desire a team for business or pleasure, or who have horses which they want fed or boarded, to give Mr. Thompson a call, as his terms are very moderate and good horses, stylish and easy vehicles and first-class appointments are at hand for the accommodation of livery patrons, for Mr. Thompson takes pride in maintaining the high reputation he has so long held. Horses placed here for sale will be shown to the best advantage. Mr. Thompson gives close personal attention to all details of his business and spares no pains to satisfy the most critical customer. The charges are moderate in every department and all orders attended to promptly.

**JAMES HORRELL**, Dealer in Confectionery, Stationery, Toys and Pastry, also Wood and Coal, No. 3 Prescott Street, Somerville, Mass.—Premises covering an area of 300 square feet can accommodate a very heavy stock, and the fact that this is the capacity of the premises utilized by Mr. James Horrell, and that practically all the available space is made use of, demonstrates beyond the need of further statement that the assortment of goods he offers is very complete. It is also very varied, for he deals in confectionery, stationery, toys, pastry and other commodities too numerous to mention. Wood and coal are extensively dealt in, and will be supplied in any desired quantity. Mr. Horrell is a native of England, and has been identified with his present business establishment, which is located at 3 Prescott street, since 1872. His business policy is as simple as it is popular, it being to give full value for money received. Of course careful management is necessary in order to do so, but Mr. Horrell is a close and discriminating buyer, and is therefore enabled to quote the lowest market rates on goods that will prove entirely satisfactory at all times.

**THE GREAT AMERICAN AND CHINA TEA CO.,** Importers of Teas and Coffees; Presents Given Away with Teas and Coffees, No. 11 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—As Abraham Lincoln used to say, "You can fool all of the people part of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time," and therefore such an enterprise as that carried on by the Great American and China Tea Company is bound to give and to hold the favor of the public in spite of the bitter attacks of interested parties, who argue that no company can furnish reliable goods at bottom prices and then give away valuable presents. That assertion sounds plausible, and when the Great American and China Tea Company began operations here it deceived some of the people for a time and prevented their availing themselves of the company's inducements, but common sense prevailed in the long run, and now all careful buyers in this vicinity get their teas and coffees of this reliable house. Theory is one thing and practice another, and when you see your neighbor is using as good if not better tea and coffee than you, is paying less for it and is getting tea sets, dinner sets and other valuable presents, it doesn't take you long to make up your mind that plausible arguments by no means prove statements, so you also trade with the Great American and China Tea Company, and get your share of the presents given to all customers. The Somerville branch is located at 11 Union Square, where premises comprising one floor and basement are occupied, and a very heavy stock of teas and coffees carried, together with a beautiful assortment of china, crockery ware, etc. The energetic manager keeps the service at a uniformly high standard of efficiency, and considering that first-class goods, bottom prices, elegant presents and prompt and polite attention are assured to customers, the great popularity of the store is not at all surprising.

**N. S. FORSYTH,** Restaurant and Dining Rooms, 337 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—A restaurant at which palatable and nutritious meals may be obtained at all hours, at short notice and at moderate rates is certainly deserving of liberal patronage, and hence no one can justly begrudge Mr. N. S. Forsyth the prompt and decided success his establishment has attained since its opening in 1891, for it is a very ably managed restaurant and dining room and the service is uniformly satisfactory, while the charges are uniformly reasonable. Mr. Forsyth was born in Vermont, and has many friends throughout Somerville. He gives very close personal attention to every detail of his business and caters successfully to all classes who appreciate good, well-cooked and neatly served food, prompt service and low prices. The premises occupied are located at 337 Somerville Avenue, and have an area of 1,000 square feet. They are thoroughly fitted up and are kept neat and clean at all times. Four capable assistants are constantly on hand to serve the numerous patrons who daily patronize this popular restaurant and dining room, every caller being cordially welcomed and assured prompt as well as courteous attention. Mr. Forsyth is a veteran of the late war, enlisting first in the 1st Regt., Maine Cavalry, and then re-enlisting in the 1st Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, giving a total service of 3 years and 7 months. He carried the colors over two years. He is now a member of Willard C. Kinsley Post 139, G. A. R.

**FRANK A. MORRILL,** cor. Pearl and Bradley Streets, Somerville, Mass.—The time has gone by when it was necessary to visit the largest cities in order to secure really artistic photographs, for the number of competent photographers has increased wonderfully of late years, and it would now be difficult to name a town of any importance that does not contain at least one of them. Among those doing business in this vicinity, we know of none whom we can more cordially recommend than Mr. Frank A. Morrill, for this gentleman makes a specialty of fine work, and attains results which have no superiors in even the most popular studios. He is a native of Maine, and began operations here in 1885. His rooms are located on the first floor on corner of Pearl and Bradley Streets, and are fitted up with the most improved apparatus, enabling orders to be promptly filled. Mr. Morrill carries on photography in all its branches, making a specialty of babies' pictures, for which he makes no extra charge, and has a very quick working skylight, while his rooms are easy to get to, being on the ground floor, and he tries to please every customer. His charges are uniformly moderate and his business is steadily increasing. Mr. Morrill is also proprietor of a store devoted to the sale of dry and fancy goods, toys, etc., and located next door to his photographic studio. It has been in operation for the past seven years, it having been founded in 1885 by Mr. F. A. Morrill, the present proprietor, and the residents of Somerville have therefore had ample opportunity to become thoroughly familiar with the methods followed at this enterprising establishment. Whether these methods are acceptable or not is best shown by the extent and character of the patronage now bestowed upon the undertaking, and judged by this test it must be conceded that Mr. Morrill knows how to cater to the most desirable class of trade, for he does a good retail business and attracts the most careful buyers; and yet, when we speak of his catering to any "class of trade," we are apt to suggest the wrong idea, for as a matter of fact this wide-awake gentleman caters to the general public and offers goods and quotes prices that will fully satisfy the public in general, and he succeeds most admirably in this laudable endeavor. Every article is quoted at low figures, and there is but one price to all. The stock comprises dry and fancy goods, toys and notions of all kinds.

**GOODWIN & CUTLER,** House and Decorative Painters, 54 Broadway (rear of Free Baptist Chapel), East Somerville, Mass.—Nearly every man of middle age has tried at one time or another to do some painting "on his own hook," and if he had no previous experience the chances are that when he got through with the attempt he had more respect for a professional painter than he ever had before. Painting looks very easy, and in one sense of the word it is easy, for anybody can dip a brush into a paint pot and plaster the paint on a wall or other smooth surface, but it is not everybody that can put on just enough paint and can distribute it as evenly as it should be distributed, if the final result is to be at all satisfactory. Therefore we say it always pays to employ a good painter, and as some of our readers may not know just where to find such, we take pleasure in calling their attention to the establishment of Messrs. Goodwin & Cutler, at No. 54 Broadway, for this firm has conducted the business in question since 1875, it having then been founded by the senior member, Mr. M. J. Goodwin, and so carried on till 1886, when the present firm was established by Mr. F. E. Cutler joining it. Both members are natives of this state; the premises and shop occupied comprise two floors 20 x 30 feet in size at above named address. The owners are house and decorative painters, employing competent assistants only and giving all orders prompt attention.

**J. MILLER**, Contractor and Builder, and Dealer in Real Estate, 7 Medina Building, West Somerville, Mass.—Without disputing the fact that it is not always good policy to award a building contract to the lowest bidder, it may still be maintained that the possession of facilities which enable one to figure very low on building work, will go very far to ensure success in that line of business, and when to the possession of such facilities are joined long experience and entire responsibility, a high degree of success is assured. Therefore it is perfectly natural that Mr. J. Miller should occupy a leading position among the contractors and builders and dealers in real estate in this city. For he has had years of experience, and bears an enviable reputation for enterprise and integrity, and to him is due much of the credit for the rapid development and growth of this portion of the city adjacent to Davis Square, for he has built many of its buildings, and is now putting upon the market quite a number of very desirable buildings for homes or investments, located on the most desirable sites, opposite the beautiful Highland R. R. station, which is illustrated as one of the "Points of Interest" in the historical sketch of this book. He offers these homes on terms to accommodate the wishes of both capitalist or wage earner, and those who desire a home of their own would do well to consult him and see what he has to offer in both Somerville Highlands, West Somerville and Cambridge. His office hours are from 11 to 12 A. M. and 3 to 5 P. M., and his residence is at 6 Spruce street, North Cambridge. Plans will be drawn up and estimates made on application, and any information will be given regarding building or real estate interests.

**JOHN E. STEVENS**, House, Sign and Decoration Painter, 23 Elm Street, Somerville, Mass.—"In the elder days of art," all decorations and beautiful artistic work were confined to the religious and public buildings and the palaces of the favored rich; now, through the advancing influences of civilization, the achievements and effects of artistic coloring are brought within the reach of almost every one who can appreciate their value, and the higher tone and happiness which have thus been brought into our life is of the greatest influence and value. The refined taste exhibited everywhere in this branch of business causes one to wonder at the height of its perfection. Among the well-known business firms of Somerville is the name of John E. Stevens, located at 23 Elm St., where he carries a desirable stock of paper hangings and painters' stock. As painter and decorator he has no superior in this vicinity. During the busy season he keeps a force of experienced hands employed, and as sign and ornamental painting is attended to as well as house painting a good business is enjoyed, and Mr. Stevens' genial and liberal methods have made him many friends. His prices are always reasonable.

**HOWE & FLINT**, Dealers in Furnaces and Stoves, Tin Plate and Sheet Iron Workers, No. 51 Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—The undertaking carried on by Messrs. Howe & Flint is doubtless familiar to many of our readers, for it has been in operation about seventeen years, having been founded by its present proprietors in 1875. Messrs. W. S. Howe and W. F. Flint are both natives of Massachusetts, and are thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business with which they are identified, as may easily be seen by the character of the service they offer the public, for there is not a firm dealing in furnaces, stoves, tin and wooden ware, etc., in this vicinity that is prepared to hold out more genuine inducements to customers. The premises occupied comprise one floor and a basement, each 1200 square feet in dimensions, in addition to a workshop in the rear, which is well arranged and fitted up with the most improved facilities for the doing of tin plate and sheet iron work, tin and roofing work being done at short notice and in first-class style, and those who appreciate the importance of having work of this kind done in an honest and painstaking manner can do no better than to place their orders with Messrs. Howe & Flint. The store is located at 51 Union Square, and the leading makes of stoves, furnaces and ranges are carried in stock, as well as a full line of tin and wooden ware, and offered in variety at the lowest market rates. "Honest goods at honest prices" is a very attractive motto, and its spirit is certainly thoroughly carried into effect at this establishment.

**F. Q. HARRINGTON**, Groceries and Provisions, all Goods Delivered Promptly and Free of Expense, 315 & 317 Broadway, Cor. Temple Street, Somerville.—Many a housekeeper is looking for just such an establishment as that carried on by Mr. F. Q. Harrington at Nos. 315 & 317 Broadway, corner Temple street, Somerville, and we take pleasure in commending this enterprise to such inquirers, for we know that Mr. Harrington's methods are bound to please, and we know that those who have business dealings with him are outspoken in their approval of the accommodations offered. Operations were begun in 1875, and the trade has since steadily increased. Mr. Harrington is a native of this city, and has a large circle of friends in this vicinity. The premises utilized are of the dimensions of 40x50 feet, and the stock on hand is not only large but unusually varied, as it includes groceries and provisions and canned goods of all kinds, etc., all goods being delivered promptly and free of expense. It will be seen that the greater part of the household food supply may be obtained at this store, and as the prices are all that can be reasonably desired as regards fairness, etc., it is well worth while giving Mr. Harrington a call. The groceries and provisions comprise the best the markets afford. After 18 years' experience it would be surprising if Mr. Harrington did not give his customers the best goods and best services.

**MRS. S. A. RIKER**, 518 Somerville Avenue, near Park Street, Somerville.—The business conducted by Mrs. S. A. Riker not only holds a leading position among other Somerville mercantile enterprises, but is absolutely unique in its way, for there is no other undertaking in this vicinity precisely similar in character. Mrs. Riker is a dealer in dry and fancy goods, ladies' fancy articles, aprons, hosiery, gents' furnishings, house-keeping goods, etc., and also handles stationery, Christmas cards, hand-painted porcelains, neckties, handkerchiefs, silk scarfs, perfumery and children's toys. Of course spacious premises are required to accommodate such a business as this, and those utilized by Mrs. Riker at 518 Somerville Avenue, near Park street, have an aggregate floor space of about 1000 square feet. An exceptionally attractive stock is carried, and the proprietress is in a position to fill orders at very short notice and at the lowest prevailing rates, the goods being satisfactory to the most critical trade, and comprise the latest fashionable novelties in each of its departments, while the prices are literally "as low as the lowest" in every instance. Mrs. Riker is a native of Somerville, and has been identified with her present business since 1887. She is an educated and enterprising business woman, and we would advise all interested readers to call at her store and become convinced that she keeps the best goods and sells them at the lowest prices. She has the agency for Bettinson's Laundry, where superior work is done.

**BENJ. F. FREEMAN**, Artistic Photographer, 42 Broadway, Somerville, Mass. Specialties in Portraits, Pastel and Crayon Opals, Transferotypes, Porcelains, Transparencies, and all the Latest Photographic Novelties, also Frames and Easels.—Probably in no branch of the arts have more improvements been made during recent years than in that of photography, and the avidity with which the inventions of late days have been availed of by the profession is a convincing proof of the spirit of enterprise which has been a distinguishing feature of those concerned in the business. Mr. Benj. F. Freeman has been established here since 1878 as an artistic photographer and has a long and practical experience. His studio is located at No. 42 Broadway on the second floor, covering some 3,500 square feet, and is considered one of the finest in Somerville. Mr. Freeman is an example of a painstaking, thorough artist. A visit to his studio will amply repay the lover of the beautiful and artistic. Mr. Freeman is a native of Wisconsin, and makes specialties of portraits in pastel and crayon opals, transparencies, and employs five competent artists.

**M. S. JONES**, Hack, Boarding, Livery and Sale Stable, 12 Marshall St., Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass. Carriages for Weddings, Parties, Funerals, Etc., Furnished at Short Notice. Horses Boarded in the Best Possible Manner.—Among those engaged in the stable business in this town and vicinity, none bears a higher reputation than Mr. M. S. Jones, and we take pleasure in cordially recommending his establishment to all who wish to hire a first-class team, buy a horse of any description, or board a horse where he will be assured the very best of care and comfortable and healthful quarters. This may seem a somewhat enthusiastic recommendation, but it is fully justified by the facts, and we are confident that those who do business with Mr. Jones will have reason to thank us for calling attention to the unsurpassed facilities he offers. The stable carried on by him has been successfully conducted for a good many years and has been in the possession of the present owner since 1890, he succeeding Messrs. Nelson and Thompson. A number of excellent horses and some easy and stylish vehicles are available for livery purposes, teams being furnished at short notice and at uniformly reasonable rates. Particular attention is given to furnishing carriages for weddings, parties and funerals, etc. Employment is given to competent assistants, and as there are twenty-five stalls, horses will be boarded in the best possible manner. Mr. Jones' stable is located at No. 12 Marshall St., Winter Hill, and he always has some desirable animals for sale at fair prices.

**F. L. CARD**, Dealer in Provisions, Fruits and Vegetables, Winter Hill Market, Stickney Building, opp. Winter Hill Station, Somerville, Mass.—In analyzing the popularity that the enterprise carried on by Mr. F. L. Card unquestionably enjoys, we find that it does not seem to be due to any one thing, but rather to the impression made by his methods of doing business, when considered altogether. For instance, Mr. Card does not claim to sell cheaper than everybody else, although he does offer his goods at the lowest market rates. Neither does he claim to carry the largest stock in this section of the town, but nevertheless the variety on hand is such that all tastes can be snited. He strives to fully satisfy every customer, and gives a dollar's worth of value for every dollar he receives, and it may be said that this is probably one of the chief causes of the popularity referred to. Mr. Card is a native of Windsor, N. S., and has had considerable experience in his present business. He has been proprietor of this establishment since 1889. The premises utilized are located in the Stickney building, opp. Winter Hill station, and are 25 x 50 feet in dimensions, and contain an extensive and varied stock of provisions, fruits and vegetables. All classes of trade are catered to, and the prices are placed at the lowest market figures.

**KILLAM & FITZMAURICE**, Dealers in Dry and Fancy Goods, Gents' and Ladies' Furnishings, Dressmakers' Supplies, etc., etc. No. 312 Broadway, Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass.—A Somerville establishment in which the public evidently places the greatest confidence is that conducted by Messrs. Killam & Fitzmaurice. This enterprise was inaugurated some years ago by Messrs. Cushman & Brigham, they being succeeded by Mr. P. M. Brigham in 1890, and he by the present proprietors in April, 1892. Both these gentlemen have had experience in the large dry goods houses in Boston, and are thoroughly competent to maintain the high reputation this house has gained for fair dealing and selling goods at prices that cannot but hold trade and increase its volume. These gentlemen give the business their close personal supervision and guarantee satisfaction to every customer. The premises occupied are located at No. 312 Broadway, are 20 x 50 ft. in dimensions. The stock handled includes a great variety of dry and fancy goods, ladies' and gents' furnishings, dressmakers' supplies, etc. The stock is selected with especial reference to demand of local retail trade, so that they are able to offer particular advantages to their large class of patrons, and the ladies need hardly be reminded that their stock is always sure to contain many pleasing and popular novelties, or that they are offered at the lowest rates. Two assistants are employed, and prompt attention is offered to all. A (hand) laundry and dye house agency is at this store.

**CHARLES W. SWEETSER**, Piano and Music Rooms, 7 Connor's Building, Union Square, Somerville.—If the public in general could only understand that no individual, or firm, or corporation, holds or can hold a monopoly of the making of first-class pianos, there would soon be a change in the business methods of certain manufacturers, who at present are relying largely upon loud boasting and constant belittling of their competitors' work. Of course, many people who know nothing about pianos feel that they must have a piano of a certain make, or else in all probability get cheated, but if they would only confide in the judgment of a reputable dealer who is not a manufacturer, they would soon discover the fact that they could get equally as good a piano as though they had paid a much larger price simply on account of the name. In this connection we call attention to the business conducted by Mr. Charles W. Sweetser at No. 7 Connor's Building, Union Square, for this gentleman is considered an expert judge of what constitutes a good piano, and is reliable in his representations to his customers, so that those purchasing an instrument of him are sure of getting just what they pay for. He constantly has some fine pianos at his rooms from which customers can select. Those intending to buy or rent a piano would do well to call or communicate with Mr. Sweetser before engaging elsewhere, as he is prepared to make such terms as will accommodate his patrons. His rooms in Connor's Building include a studio for pupils in music, and is headquarters for the musical fraternity. All orders for tuning or repairing will receive prompt attention.

**A. L. KNOWLES**, Dealer in Standard Family Groceries and Provisions, cor. Perkins and Pinckney Streets. Goods Delivered in Any Part of the City.—Should a person thoroughly acquainted with the comparative standing of the various business houses of this town be asked to name half a dozen of the leading grocery firms of Somerville, he would unquestionably include Mr. A. L. Knowles in the list, for he has long held his present high position, and is generally conceded to have few, if any, rivals in his particular line. The reasons for this favorable judgment are not difficult to learn, for no one can visit his establishment without being impressed by the magnitude and variety of the stock, the dependable character of the goods and the low prices quoted on the same, while the prompt and courteous attention extended to every caller is of itself enough to entitle this representative house to particularly favorable mention. The premises made use of comprise the ground floor, 30 x 70 feet in dimensions, and located on the corner of Perkins and Pinckney Streets. Choice standard family groceries and provisions of every description are dealt in, and as employment is given to two competent assistants all orders can be accurately filled at short notice. Mr. Knowles caters so intelligently to family trade that the inducements cannot easily be found elsewhere.

**M. H. TATTAN**, Dry and Fancy Goods, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Groceries and Tobacco, 458 and 460 Somerville Ave., cor. Dane Street, Somerville, Mass. Agents for National Steam Laundry.—Yachtsmen have a saying, "Every boat sails fast when she sails alone," and on the same principal, every store is attractive and well managed if there is no better one near by to compare it with, but with stores as with boats, competition is necessary in order to determine relative merit, and the more close the competition the more surety there is that the decision reached will be just and correct. Therefore the high standing of the establishment carried on by Mr. M. H. Tattan is well deserved, for certainly competition is close enough in the dry and fancy goods business hereabouts to find out the true merits of a store devoted to that line of trade, Mr. Tattan having to compete with the Boston houses as well as with those in Somerville. The large trade he has built up since beginning operations in 1882 shows what the public thinks of the inducements he offers, and it is a fact that these are unsurpassed in this vicinity, for his stock is large and varied, always comprising dry and fancy goods, hats, caps, gloves, boots, shoes, rubbers, etc., also groceries and tobacco, and is made up of goods which are guaranteed to prove as represented. The premises occupied by Mr. Tattan comprise two connecting stores located at 458 and 460 Somerville Avenue, cor. of Dane Street. Mr. Tattan is agent for the National Steam Laundry of Malden, Mass. His prices are uniformly low in all departments of his establishment, and as a sufficient force of courteous assistants is employed, the public is assured satisfactory service.

**WILLIAMSON & FORG**, Bakers, Post Office Square, Somerville, Mass.—There can be no possible doubt of the usefulness of such an establishment as that conducted by Messrs. Williamson & Forg, for in such a community as Somerville there are many families that find it much more economical and convenient to purchase bread, cake, pastry, etc., than to make them at home, and the goods furnished at this popular bakery are carefully manufactured from the best obtainable materials, and are consequently palatable, healthful and satisfying to the most fastidious tastes. This business was founded by its present proprietors in 1888. The individual members of this firm are Mr. Charles F. Williamson, a native of Boston, and Mr. Albert Forg of New York, both these gentlemen being thoroughly familiar with their business, and giving its many details close personal supervision. A sufficient force of assistants is employed, and an extensive manufacturing and retail business is done, the facilities being such that all orders can be filled at very short notice. Spacious and well arranged premises located in Post Office Square are utilized, comprising a cake and pastry shop and a bakery in the rear. Also branch stores at No. 188 Somerville Avenue and at corner of Marion and Concord Avenues. A very complete and attractive stock is constantly carried, the goods composing it being renewed at frequent intervals, and consequently are always fresh and desirable. The productions of Messrs. Williamson & Forg's bakery have a high and well deserved reputation, and can safely be warranted to completely satisfy even the most critical. Stores throughout the city are supplied at wholesale.

**ARTHUR C. GORDON**, House and Sign Painting, Graining, Glazing, Tinting, Etc., Etc., rear of 327 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—Mr. Arthur C. Gordon is a native of Massachusetts and has had long and varied experience as a painter, he now being prepared to fill orders for house and sign painting at short notice and in the most skillful and careful manner, sign painting and designing a specialty, satisfaction being guaranteed to even the most critical. Mr. Gordon's shop is located in the rear of 327 Somerville Avenue and is fitted up with all necessary facilities for the filling of orders for every description of house and sign painting, graining, glazing, tinting, etc. He employs six thoroughly skillful assistants, and is in a position to guarantee that every order shall be executed with neatness and despatch. He uses carefully chosen materials and gives personal attention to the carrying out of every order, so that all work is thoroughly and durably done, and we have no hesitation in unreservedly recommending this establishment and its able proprietor to our readers and the public in general.

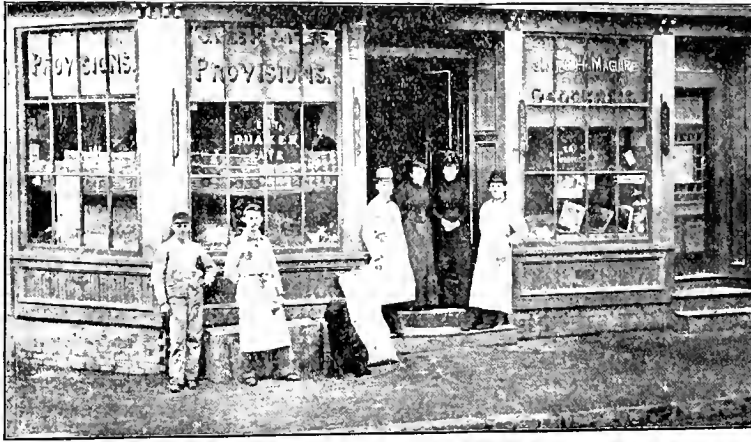
**W. E. BUTLER**, Upholsterer, Furniture Repairer, Temple Street, Somerville.—The residents of this town have good reason to congratulate themselves on the existence of the enterprise carried on by Mr. W. E. Butler, for the simple reason that the ability and energy shown in its management enable them to save money, time and trouble whenever they have occasion to have any upholstering or repairing of furniture done. This undertaking was started some fourteen years ago by the present proprietor, who is well known in Somerville and vicinity. The premises utilized, and located on Temple street, comprise one floor 12x15 feet in size. Orders for upholstering and furniture repairing will be executed in a superior manner at short notice. Furniture recovering forms a very important department of the business, a force of experienced workmen being employed, and all orders executed under a guarantee that both stock and workmanship shall be strictly first-class, every detail of the work being done under careful supervision. Mr. Butler was a member of the 2nd Maine Regiment, which was the first Maine regiment to reach the seat of war, and was very badly cut up at the first Bull Run battle.



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E. B. VREELAND, Hay, Grain, Straw, Wood and Coal, 28 Broadway, East Somerville, Mass. —Mr. E. B. Vreeland has been identified with his present enterprise for a number of years. He is a native of Winchester, and considering his long and honorable business career it is hardly necessary to add is very widely and favorably known in mercantile and social circles throughout this vicinity. Mr. Vreeland is an extensive retail dealer in hay, grain, straw, wood and coal, etc., and is in a position to quote bottom prices on all these commodities, while his facilities for the prompt and accurate filling of all orders, large or small, are unsurpassed. The premises utilized and located at No. 28 Broadway, East Somerville, comprise 6000 square feet of storage space, thus affording ample room for the accommodation of a heavy stock. Employment is given to competent assistants and all orders are assured prompt and painstaking attention.

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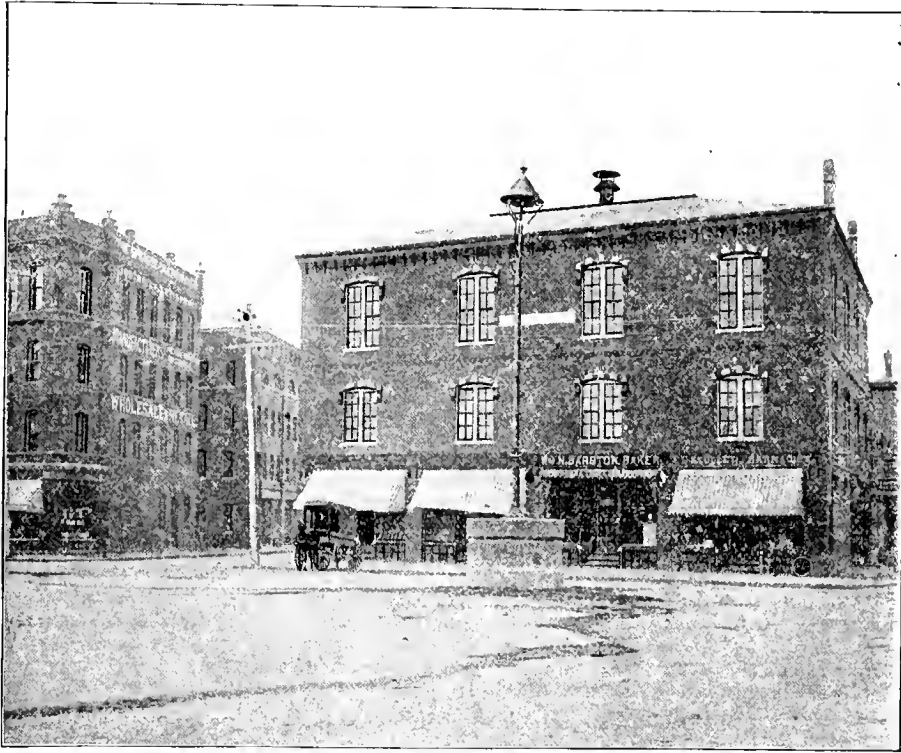
Dry Goods and Gents' Furnishings,

Nos. 1, 3 and 7 Bow St., Union Sq., SOMERVILLE.

**STURTEVANT BROS.,** Dealers in Provisions, Groceries, Butter, Cheese, Fruit, Vegetables, Etc., Hill Building, Union Square, Somerville, Mass.—The average housekeeper will surely agree with us when we say that an immense amount of trouble, bother and time may be saved by dealing with a provision and grocery firm that fills orders just as they are given, and furnishes goods which prove as satisfactory as if picked out in person, for it is an open secret that the reason why so many persons take the trouble to do their marketing in person is because they fear that otherwise they will be supplied with goods that other people leave, or in other words, that no experienced buyer would accept of his own choice. Without stating whether or not that fear is well grounded in the majority of cases, we can assure our readers that there is no foundation for it so far as the firm of Sturtevant Brothers is concerned, for it makes a specialty of taking orders and delivering goods in any part of Somerville, free of charge, and it spares no pains to furnish goods that it believes will fully suit the customer ordering them. It is comparatively easy to do this, as it carries a very large and very varied stock, including Provisions, Groceries, Butter, Cheese, Fruit, Vegetables, etc., and keeps it constantly complete in every department. Spacious premises are utilized, located in the Hill Building, Union Square, comprising one floor and a cellar, each 1750 square feet in dimensions. Messrs. Hazen and Ralph M. Sturtevant, who constitute the firm, are both natives of Centre Harbor, New Hampshire, and have been connected with their present business since 1860. They employ seven competent assistants, and as the store has telephone connection, orders can easily be sent from any point, while the delivery facilities are such as to ensure their being promptly and accurately filled. Messrs. Sturtevant Bros. are also proprietors of the local express between Boston and Stoneham, the business being done by railroad between the two places, with teams at each end of the route. They also do an extensive business in the sale of horses, handling about 500 horses per year in their sale stables. This firm has gained a reputation for reliability and fair dealing and their representations can be relied on. Of course they are in the business for the purpose of making a dollar, but they are satisfied with a fair profit and sell all their stock for just what they believe it to be. There is no better place in the city at which to obtain a first-class animal, either for work or driving.

**C. W. CAHALAN,** Sanitary Plumber, Gas Fitting and Jobbing, 7 Marshall Street, Somerville, Mass.—Within the past ten years or so the public has become alive to the importance of having Plumbing work thoroughly and skillfully done and are well aware that a "cheap" job of Plumbing is apt to cost dearly in more respects than one, for doctor's bills count up heavily, and after all the chances are that the work will have to be done over again. Mr. C. W. Cahalan is universally known throughout this section of the state as a reliable Sanitary Plumber and Gas Fitter. He began business here in 1888, and utilizes premises at No. 7 Marshall Street 15 x 27 feet in dimensions. Particular attention is given to fitting up dwellings, stores, etc., and estimates will be cheerfully furnished on application. Another very important department of the business is contracting for Water Works, Sewers, etc., Mr. Cahalan being in a position to figure very closely on work of this kind, and what is still more to the point, to faithfully carry out every agreement, and parties contemplating such improvements would do well to notify him, and all communications by mail or otherwise are assured immediate and careful attention. Mr. Cahalan is a native of this town.





DAVIS SQUARE, OPPOSITE THE DEPOT, WEST SOMERVILLE.

**F. E. STUDLEY**, Pharmacist, Clarendon Block, Davis Square, West Somerville, Mass.—“Experience is the best teacher,” says the familiar old proverb, and as the experience of years has taught the people of Davis Square, West Somerville, and the vicinity that prescriptions are compounded accurately and promptly from the best and purest ingredients at the pharmacy conducted by Mr. F. E. Studley, in Clarendon Block, Davis Square, it is not at all surprising that his prescription trade is extensive, especially as he is moderate in his charges as well as accurate and accommodating in his methods. Mr. Studley was born in Cambridge and has been identified with his present enterprise for fifteen years, he having begun operations in 1877. His store has an area of 1500 square feet and is finely fitted up, among the furnishings being an elaborate soda fountain. A large and varied stock of toilet articles, fancy goods and druggists’ sundries is constantly carried, together with an attractive assortment of confectionery and the leading brands of cigars, tobacco, etc. Adequate assistance is employed, and callers are sure of receiving prompt and courteous attention at all times.

**R. W. W. KIMBALL**, Dealer in Shades, Curtains, Etc.; also all kinds of Upholstery and House Jobbing Work; 65 Dover Street, West Somerville, Mass.—There are many much more pretentious enterprises to be found in West Somerville than that carried on by Mr. R. W. W. Kimball, but there is none more useful or more faithfully and satisfactorily carried out, and not one that is more worthy of support from those who appreciate reliability and fair dealing. This enterprise is of especial interest to housekeepers, for Mr. Kimball is prepared to give them most valuable aid in one of the most disagreeable of their duties—that of “house-cleaning”—for in addition to dealing in Shades, Curtains, Poles, etc., he is prepared to take up Carpets, also to clean and make over the same, and to repair furniture in a thoroughly first-class manner, and to do reupholstering and house jobbing of all kinds. Mr. Kimball may be relied upon to do all work entrusted to him in a most careful and skillful manner and at very reasonable rates. Mr. Kimball has done a great deal of work in West Somerville and vicinity and has built up an enviable reputation for ability, promptness and trustworthiness. All orders addressed to 65 Dover Street will be given immediate and intelligent attention.

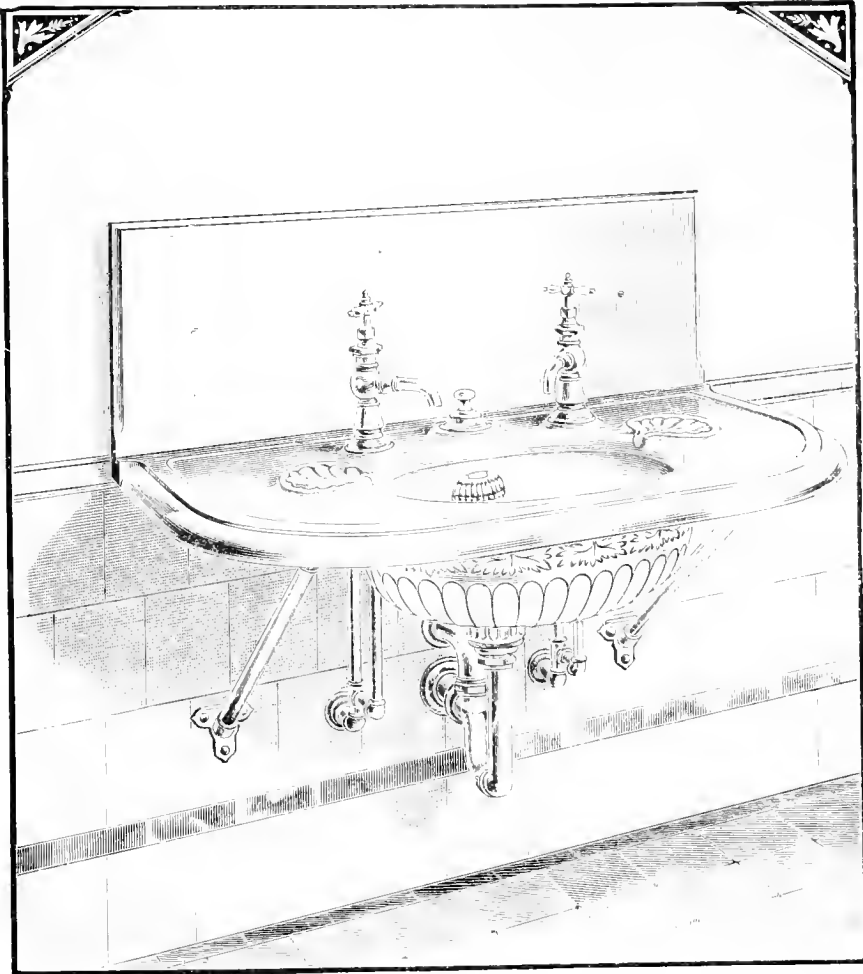
**D. W. CROCKER**, Carriage Manufacturer, Day Street, West Somerville, Mass.—Mr. D. W. Crocker announces that he is the manufacturer of fine Carriages, Wagons, etc., and this announcement is evidently strictly true, for all whom we have interviewed on the subject agree that Mr. D. W. Crocker's Carriages and Wagons are superior as a whole to any other that they have ever seen or tried, and they say that they are "built for business" and will stand more hard usage than any other teams in the market. The Milk Wagons and heavy wagons of all kinds built by Mr. Crocker are also highly commended as being skillfully and honestly made of selected material, and sold at moderate prices, which put them within the means of all. Mr. Crocker is a native of Cape Cod and has been identified with his present business here in Somerville for many years, and now occupies a three-story factory on Day Street, where he has every facility to do jobbing and repairing, as well as making new vehicles. He employs seven assistants and is thus in a position to execute all work in a neat and thoroughly workmanlike manner at reasonable rates, personal attention being given to every order and no defective work is knowingly allowed to leave his shop.

**J. A. LITCHFIELD**, Grocer, cor. Pearl and Marshall Streets, Somerville (Telephone 167-2).—After visiting the store carried on by Mr. J. A. Litchfield, cor. Pearl and Marshall Streets, it is easy to see why the establishment is very popular among all classes of purchasers, for it becomes evident on examination that the stock on hand is very carefully selected and comprises a full line of choice family groceries, and the prices quoted confirm the favorable impression previously made. Mr. Litchfield certainly ought to know pretty well what the Somerville public wants, for he has been connected with his present business here since 1885, and having carried on the same line of trade before coming here, in Boston, for upwards of 20 years makes him thoroughly conversant with all the detail of the grocery business. The premises utilized is one floor 50 x 60 feet in dimensions and are supplied with all necessary facilities for the accommodation of the stock and the serving of customers promptly and accurately. Teas, coffees and spices are given particular attention and are offered in a variety of choice grades at exceptionally low rates, while all the many articles dealt in are fully guaranteed to prove as represented, and are supplied at prices as low as the lowest. Mr. Litchfield is ex-president of Boston Retail Grocers' Association. Under his administration the great Food and Health Exposition in Mechanics' Hall was held. In the semi-centennial celebration last June, Mr. Litchfield was commander of the trades division in the great parade. He is a veteran of the late war, having served three years, and is a member of W. C. Kinsley Post, G. A. R., also a member of various orders—Free Masons, Royal Arcanum, and Order of Workmen.

**J. KENNEDY**, Plain and Ornamental Plasterer, Whitener, Whitewasher and Stucco Worker, 310 Somerville Avenue; residence, 31 Church Street, Somerville, Mass.—In a large and enterprising community such as Somerville there is of course quite an extensive demand for plain and ornamental plastering, etc., and it is safe to say that no individual or firm takes a more prominent part in supplying this demand than does Mr. J. Kennedy, doing business at 310 Somerville Avenue. He has had a long and varied experience in his business and has carried on operations in Somerville for many years. He employs a sufficiently large force of competent assistants and is prepared to fill all orders in the line of plain and ornamental Plastering, Whitening, Whitewashing, Coloring, Kalsomining and Stucco Work, also repairing at short notice and in a thoroughly workmanlike manner and at reasonable rates. A fine assortment of centerpieces, brackets, etc., is constantly on hand, and any pattern not in stock will be made to order without undue delay. Mr. Kennedy is prepared to figure very closely on contracts for any work in his line, and those who are thinking of building new houses or of renovating their old ones would do well to communicate with him.

**GEORGE C. FOSS**, Practical Horseshoer, 126 Broadway, East Somerville, Mass.—A poor horse well shod can sometimes do more work than a good horse poorly shod, so it is worth the while of every horse owner to see that such work is done as it should be. Mr. George C. Foss of No. 126 Broadway has an excellent reputation in connection with this line of work, being a practical horseshoer, and as he employs only experienced and careful assistants, can fill all orders at very short notice. He is a native of New Hampshire, and has been identified with his present establishment since 1880, he having succeeded to the business founded many years previously by Jno. Harmon. The premises occupied on the ground floor of the above address measure 30 x 40 feet in dimensions, where a specialty is made of horseshoeing and general jobbing, such work being done in the best manner at moderate prices. Mr. Foss means to turn out strong as well as neat work and allows no work to leave his shop that will not give satisfaction. He has had an extensive experience in horseshoeing and blacksmithing work of all kinds, and those who have had orders filled at his establishment speak in the highest terms of the work, and the reasonable and low prices charged by him.

**DUNCAN C. GREENE**, Sanitary Plumbing and Ventilating, Davis Square, West Somerville.—It is just as essential for the residents of a city or town to know the whereabouts of a skillful and reliable plumber as it is to know the location of the nearest fire alarm station, for nobody knows how soon there may be occasion for the services of such a man, and when one is wanted at all he is generally wanted immediately. Too much care cannot be exercised in the placing of orders for Sanitary Plumbing and Ventilating Work, as the ignorant or careless carrying out of such commissions might involve very serious consequences—sewer gas being a very dangerous enemy to take chances with. There are enough competent and reliable plumbers in West Somerville to do all the work required, if you only know where to find them, and we may say right here that not one is more worthy of confidence and patronage than Mr. Duncan C. Greene, doing business on Davis Square. Mr. Greene is prepared to do Plumbing in all its branches, and does the work in accordance with the most improved methods. He gives personal attention to every order and employs two efficient assistants, thus being enabled to execute commissions at short notice. Sanitary Plumbing and Ventilating are done in all their branches, at very moderate prices, satisfaction being guaranteed to every customer.



**H. W. COVELL**, Sanitary Plumbing and Gas Fitting, Orders Promptly Attended to, and all Work done in First-Class Manner at Reasonable Prices, No. 140 Perkins Street, East Somerville.—Everybody knows that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” but everybody does not take advantage of this knowledge, and the result is that much serious sickness occurs that is entirely unnecessary by defective plumbing, for sewer gas is as much a poison as arsenic; and the only way to keep it out of a house is to have the drainage system scientifically arranged and thoroughly constructed. In this connection we take pleasure in calling attention to the facilities possessed by Mr. H. W. Covell for the doing of sanitary plumbing, as he makes a specialty of such work and is thoroughly competent and reliable. His place of business is at No. 140 Perkins street, and here may be found a complete line of plumbers’ supplies, water closets, bath tubs, etc., lead pipe and fittings. Gas fitting, stove and furnace work will be done in a superior manner at short notice, but a specialty is made of fine plumbing and sanitary ventilation, and no house in the state does better work in this line or quotes more moderate prices. Mr. Covell is a native of Montreal, and began his present enterprise in 1882, and all orders are promptly attended to. Mr. Covell has executed many important jobs in this vicinity for both individuals and the city, and has received letters highly commending his work, among them one from Mr. Thomas P. Roulston, superintendent of public buildings and inspector of plumbing for the city of Somerville, in which he gives permission to use his name as reference.

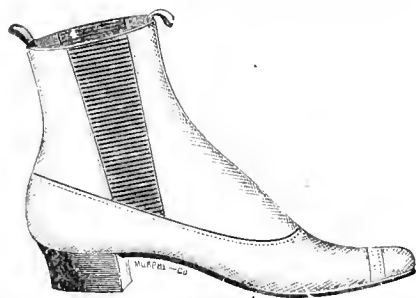
**R. E. ARCHIBALD**, Carpenter and Builder, Broadway, Somerville.—Mr. R. E. Archibald has carried on his present enterprise for a number of years, during which time he has attained an enviable reputation for filling orders at short notice, at moderate rates, and in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. He is in a position to figure very closely on plans for jobbing and repairs, of which branch he makes a specialty. There is one decided advantage in placing orders with him and that is the certainty that every agreement made concerning the work will be carefully respected and fully carried out. This assurance entirely obviates the anxiety which is sure to result from the awarding of a contract to a less conscientious builder, and even if Mr. Archibald were not prepared to make bottom prices it would still be worth while to take advantage of the facilities he offers. Reliable help is employed when demanded, but the results attained are sure to be satisfactory.



# W. J. EMERSON, — DEALER IN — BOOTS, SHOES

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Custom Work and Repairing  
a Specialty.



Among the many enterprising concerns engaged in the retailing of boots, shoes and rubbers in East Somerville and vicinity we know of none which is more active, more reliable or more popular than that of W. J. Emerson, doing business at No. 148 Perkins street, and the universal popularity of this house is all the more significant from the fact that he has carried on operations for so many years, long enough for the residents of this section to become thoroughly familiar with his facilities and his methods. The business was founded in 1881, and is one of the old established enterprises of the kind in this vicinity. Mr. Emerson gives his close personal attention to customers, and callers will find that the phrase "light expenses, low prices" as used by this concern means something, for no lower prices are quoted in this portion of the state on dependable footwear than Mr. Emerson is prepared to name. His stock is "clean" in every department, and comprises full lines of staple goods in addition to the latest novelties in fashionable footwear. A specialty is made of fine custom work and repairing.

**GEO. F. HURN**, Carpenter and Builder and Carpet Cleaning Works, 75 and 77 Broadway, East Somerville, Mass.—One of the active and progressive of our Somerville business men is Mr. Geo. F. Hurn, who succeeded Mr. W. O. Morgan early in 1892. He is a native of New Hampshire and is a practical carpenter and jobber, and is prepared to do all kinds of plain and fancy wood work, and to make window and door screens, crickets, stands, work tables, etc., to order at short notice and at reasonable rates. He is also prepared to do carpet cleaning in the most efficient and thorough manner, and to execute even the most extensive commissions very promptly, for he is proprietor of the Electric Carpet Cleaning Works, having succeeded Mr. W. O. Morgan in April, 1892. The works are located at No. 75 and 77 Broadway street, Somerville, and are equipped with machinery capable of cleaning carpets and rugs perfectly free from dust, dirt and moths or carpet bugs without injury to the finest fabric. The machinery is driven by electricity, thus doing away with the heat, steam, coal dust, grease and odor inseparable from the use of a steam engine, and also doing away with practically the danger of loss from fire—a fact worthy of consideration in the case of valuable carpets, for they are entirely unprotected by insurance while being cleaned, as more than one patron of a "steam carpet cleansing establishment" has discovered to his sorrow. There is a popular belief that carpets are cleaned by steam at such establishments, but it is not so. Carpets will be called for and delivered the same day if desired. A liberal discount will be made on large orders, the regular price list being as follows: 2 cents per running yard for taking up; 4 cents per running yard for beating wool, Brussels or tapestry carpets; 5 cents per running yard for beating Wilton, velvet or Axminster carpets; 8 cents per square yard for beating Turkey rugs or carpets; 12 cents per yard for naphtha cleansing; 4 cents per running yard for laying rooms and halls; \$1.00 per flight, and upwards, for laying stair carpets; 50 cents per flight for laying stair covers; 50 cents per hour for fitting; sewing, \$2.50 per day; less than one-half day, 30 cents per hour.

**GEO. F. HORTON**, Optician, Jeweler and Newsdealer, 115 Perkins Street, East Somerville.—Mr. Geo. F. Horton, successor to Mr. Geo. W. Bartlett, is very favorably known in East Somerville and vicinity, both in social and business circles, he having made many friends by his enterprising and straightforward methods during the many years that he has been identified with his present enterprise. He deals in jewelry, watches, optical goods, stationery, base ball goods, cigars, tobacco, confectionery, trunks, small wares, etc. A very carefully chosen stock is always on hand to choose from, it being so frequently renewed as to always contain many of the latest novelties, besides full lines of staple goods and styles which are in permanent demand. The leading makes of watches are well represented, and one may buy a good reliable time keeper here at a very low figure and have the satisfaction of knowing that it is fully guaranteed to prove as represented. Excellent value is offered in jewelry of all kinds, a large variety of attractive styles being shown. A specialty is made of optical goods and eye-glasses and spectacles suited to all defects of vision are furnished at bottom prices. Repairing and engraving will be done in a superior manner at short notice, while all callers will receive prompt attention. A specialty is made also of daily and weekly papers, periodicals, magazines, etc. Subscriptions are received for any of the above. Mr. Horton does a thriving business during the summer months at his soda fountain, as he furnishes the best syrups found in the market. He is agent for first-class laundry work at popular rates.

**MISS ALENA TUCKER**, Teacher of Landscape and Flower Painting, also Water Colors, China Decorating, etc., 107 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—Nothing is more unsatisfactory than a verbal description of pictures of any kind, and, therefore, we will not try to describe the work done by Miss Alena Tucker of Somerville. She has been well represented in many of our leading art exhibitions and has many fine specimens of her work on exhibition at her studio, 107 Highland Avenue, where commissions for painting on almost any material will be executed, a specialty being made of Wall Hangings, Portieres, Draperies, Screens, etc. Miss Tucker also gives instructions in Landscape and Flower Painting, China Decorations and Tapestry Dye Painting, and is prepared to receive pupils privately or in classes, and to give them the full benefit of her artistic ability. Her terms are extremely moderate, and we can assure those who are desirous of taking lessons in any of the branches named that Miss Tucker is the artist they ought to interview before a final decision is arrived at. All callers are courteously received at her studio, 107 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Mass.

**L. STOCKBRIDGE**, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Cor. Franklin and Pearl Streets, East Somerville, Mass.—In preparing this review of Somerville's industries it soon became apparent that the trade in Groceries and Provisions was one of the most important of the many branches of commerce pursued here. We think that the facts justify the assertion that in no community of equal size in the state is there to be found more well equipped and skillfully managed Grocery establishments than those located in Somerville, and hence it is no small praise to say that the establishment conducted by Mr. L. Stockbridge on the corner of Franklin and Pearl Streets ranks high among the enterprises of the kind in this vicinity. This business was originally founded by him in 1876 and carried on till 1888, when he took a partner and the firm name was L. Stockbridge & Co., Mr. Stockbridge assuming sole control again in 1891. Mr. L. Stockbridge is a native of Charlestown, but long identified with Somerville's prosperity and has served in the city government. The premises utilized are 15 x 30 feet in dimensions and the stock constantly handled is complete, comprising Groceries and Provisions of all kinds, Teas, Coffees, Spices, etc. These goods are carefully selected, a specialty being made of high grade goods for local trade, and being offered at bottom prices, they meet a quick and ready sale. Hence it is not surprising that he has customers of many years' standing.

**MRS. WM. M. HANSON**, Bakery, No. 3 Bonair Street, East Somerville, Mass.—One of those homely old sayings which seem at first hearing to be almost foolish in their simplicity is, "You can't make something out of nothing." Now of course everybody knows that, and yet frequently we come across a person trying to make first-class goods out of second or third class materials, which is only trying to make "something out of nothing." It is hardly necessary to say that such is not the policy pursued by Mrs. Wm. M. Hanson, for she never could have built up so large and desirable a business as she has since beginning operations in 1889 were not her goods first-class in material as well as in making. Mrs. Hanson is the proprietress of the Bakery and Cake Shop located at No. 3 Bonair Street and comprising a store 40 x 67 feet in dimensions, and is very completely fitted up, while the employment of three thoroughly experienced assistants enables every order to be given immediate and careful attention. She also has a branch store at 153 Perkins Street and another at 236 Main Street, Charlestown. An extensive retail trade is done and the various commodities dealt in can be supplied in any desired quantity at short notice, while Mrs. Hanson gives her personal supervision to all details and employs nine assistants in all.

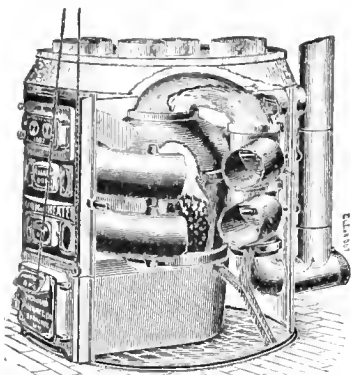
**MISS M. T. DWYER**, Milliner, 316 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Mass.—It is so true that different people have different tastes that it is difficult to get any considerable number to agree as to the merits of a single article, to say nothing of agreeing as to the standing of a business house, but the latter agreement, although quite rare, is by no means unknown, as is proved by the fact that the ladies of Somerville and vicinity are almost a unit in declaring that the millinery establishment carried on by Miss M. T. Dwyer ranks among the leading establishments of the kind in this section. It may not be so pretentious as some, but it is merit and not pretence that wins in the long run, and the public (more particularly the feminine portion of it) has discovered that at this store a large and complete stock of Millinery Goods, comprising the latest fashionable novelties, is constantly carried, that the prices are as low as the lowest, and that the service is uniformly prompt and reliable; also that the work done here is executed in a tasteful and artistic manner. This establishment was opened to the public by the present proprietress in 1890, and has steadily gained in popularity and fully deserves its present prominent position.

**D. J. BENNETT**, Harness Manufacturer, and Dealer in all kinds of Stable Goods; Repairing and Carriage Trimming neatly and promptly done. Good work at low prices. No. 5 Union Square, Somerville.—Mr. D. J. Bennett, who is a native of Somerville, has been engaged in his present enterprise since 1883. He is a manufacturer of Harnesses and is also extensively engaged in repairing and trimming carriages as well as dealing in all kinds of Stable Goods. His business premises are located at 5 Union Square, comprising two floors, each covering an area of 600 square feet, and are fitted up with the most improved facilities. Mr. Bennett warrants all his work and goods to give satisfaction, and is not only ready but anxious to make matters right in case of any imperfections in material or workmanship, for he has built up his present high reputation at the expense of a good deal of hard and skillful work and careful supervision, and he can't afford to lose it as he soon would do if he knowingly allowed defective work to leave his premises. His Harnesses are correct in style as well as perfect in design and workmanship, and are offered at prices that will compare favorably with those quoted on any other first-class goods in the market, while the prices quoted by Mr. Bennett on Horse Furnishings are away down to the lowest notch in every case.

**WM. W. FISH**, Auctioneer, Real Estate and Insurance, Justice of the Peace. Care of Property and Collections a Specialty, Mortgages and Loans Negotiated. Davis Square, opposite R. R. Station, West Somerville, Mass. 6 Herald Building, Boston, Mass. Fire and Life Insurance in Good Companies.—The rapid growth of Somerville, and West Somerville in particular, of late years has of course been accompanied by a brisk demand for real estate situated in that section, and one of the most active, prominent and popular of the real estate agents catering to that demand is that of Wm. W. Fish, having an office in Davis Square, opposite the depot, West Somerville. Mr. Fish is a New Hampshire man by birth, and is an old veteran of the 11th Reg't, N. H. V. Militia, in the war of the Rebellion, and a survivor of that awful "slaughter pen," Andersonville Prison. Mr. Fish for some years was engaged in the Naval Department of the U. S. Custom House, Boston, but lost his position when a democratic administration came into power, with which good war records were at a discount. Mr. Fish established his business here in 1891, where he does a general real estate business in buying, selling, renting and caring for and collecting rents on same, of which the latter is a specialty. He is also a justice of the peace and auctioneer; mortgages and loans are also negotiated on most favorable terms. Mr. Fish also gives attention to the insurance business, placing risks in both fire and life insurance, in first class companies and upon as favorable terms as can be named elsewhere. Persons seeking a home or an investment would do well to call upon Mr. Fish, as he has a fine list of properties on his books for sale and to rent and some very fine bargains in building lots, in which there is a brisk demand in this vicinity. Inquiries in person or by mail will receive prompt attention.

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**MISS M. L. EUSTIS**, Dry and Fancy Goods Store, 366 Medford Street, Somerville, Mass.—Experienced “shoppers” do not need to be told that it is by no means always the stores which make the greatest pretensions that are most worthy of patronage, and if additional proof of this be needed it may be found in the quality of the service offered at the establishment conducted by Miss M. L. Eustis at No. 366 Medford Street, as compared with that extended at various other dry and fancy goods stores that could be named. A varied and very skillfully chosen stock, embracing such goods as will meet the wants of general family trade, may always be found here; the prices are uniformly moderate and callers are attended to with promptness, courtesy and intelligence, which are unfortunately as rare as they are gratifying to retail buyers. This business was established during the early part of the current year by Miss Eustis. It would be strange if an establishment so conducted were not popular among the ladies of Somerville, and we are happy to say that no store in this section of the city is more deserving of their favorable attention or more successful in catering to the most discriminating trade. Miss Eustis is a native of Charlestown, and the store occupied is not large in size nor the stock large, but a desirable stock of dry and fancy goods is always to be found.

**JAMES GAVIN**, Groceries, Provisions and Pastry, No. 149 Somerville Ave., Somerville, Mass.—The retail grocery business is not one to be chosen by a man who dislikes exertion, for if there is a business outside of sawing wood or shoveling dirt that demands hard work and plenty of it from those carrying it on, it is just that which we have mentioned. This may seem an extreme statement to those who have not “been there,” but we have no fear that any one who has had any personal experience in the trade will contradict us in the slightest degree. Grocers who really try to accommodate their patrons earn every cent they make, and it is therefore with pleasure that we note the prosperity of Mr. Jas. Gavin, who established his present business in 1863. Mr. Gavin has conscientiously endeavored to render an adequate equivalent for every cent paid to him, and fully deserves the large measure of success he has attained. His store is located at No. 149 Somerville Ave., and is 30 x 30 feet in dimensions. A large stock is carried, including groceries, provisions and pastry of all descriptions, flour, tea and coffee. With a well equipped and well stocked store, with every facility for handling goods economically and expeditiously, customers can rely on having their orders promptly filled. Mr. Gavin is one of our most energetic and public spirited local dealers, and one who has the respect and confidence of the people in general, having resided in this city for 47 years.

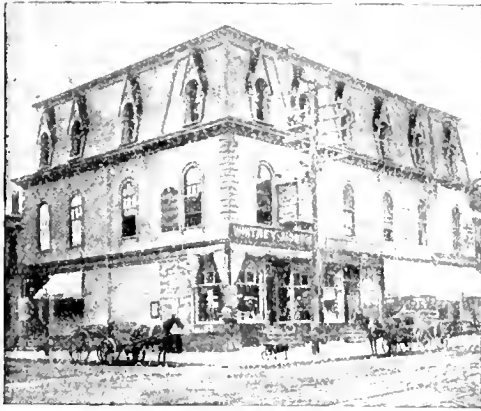
**W. A. BENTON**, Successor to W. E. Salie, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, and Optical Goods.

Clarendon Block, Cor. Dover and Elm Sts., West Somerville, Mass. Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Spectacles and Eye Glasses Repaired.—It would be hard to find a jewelry store in West Somerville at which more genuine advantages are offered to the public than are extended at the establishment carried on by Mr. W. A. Benton, at the corner of Dover and Elm Streets (Clarendon Block), and this statement is made with a full understanding of the fact that the stock here carried is small in comparison with some stores carrying a large and expensive stock. Mr. Benton occupies part of the store with F. E. Studley, Druggist, and although his stock is rather small, it is extremely varied, as it contains very few duplicates, and hence affords more latitude for choice than would at first sight be supposed. Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Optical Goods—these make up quite a list, and it is worthy of mention that these articles are personally selected by Mr. Benton with special reference to the requirements of his trade, and each and every one of them is fully guaranteed to prove as represented. He is on such intimate terms with manufacturers and wholesalers that he can furnish anything desired in his line of goods not found in his stock. The prices are low enough to suit the most economically disposed, and no matter how ignorant one may be of watches and jewelry, he may buy here in the full assurance of getting full value for every dollar expended. Mr. Benton is a native of Cambridge, and succeeded Mr. W. E. Salie in 1891. He is a skillful repairer of watches, clocks, jewelry, spectacles and eye-glasses, all such work being done at short notice and at uniformly moderate rates. Mr. Benton



also represents H. W. Smith & Co. as Somerville Agent for the Victor Safety and other high grade wheels.





**WHITNEY & SNOW**, Hardware, Painters' Supplies, Woodenware. 21 Union Square, Somerville, Mass. Agents for Davis, Chambers Lead Company. Comparisons are proverbially odious, and we have no idea of drawing a comparison between the hardware and painters' supply store conducted by Messrs. Whitney & Snow and similar establishments carried on by other parties, further than to say that this is a model store of the kind and is carried on by one of the representative firms of the city, composed of Messrs. W. E. Whitney and G. W. Snow, both of whom are Massachusetts men by birth, and have been associated in their present enterprise since 1885. The store is located at No. 21 Union Square, and occupies premises comprising one floor and a basement, each of which measures 20 x 50 feet. The stock is very complete in its various departments, and includes all kinds of builders' and general hardware, a fine line of table and pocket cutlery and edge tools, a comprehensive assortment of painters' supplies including a full stock of reliable "ready-mixed" paints, a large variety of wooden ware, together with the almost innumerable miscellaneous articles to be found in every first-class city hardware store. The productions of the leading manufacturers are handled by Messrs. Whitney & Snow, and they sell extensively at both wholesale and retail; being prepared to quote

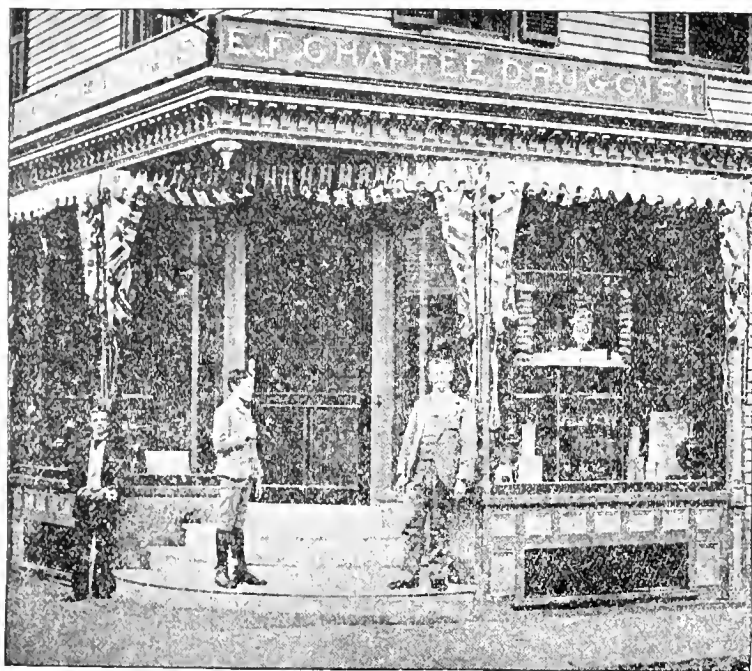
positively bottom rates on really dependable goods, and to fill all orders at short notice.

**JOHN KELLOGG**, Horse Shoer and Jobber, 192 Broadway, East Somerville, Mass. Special Attention Given to Interfering Horses.—Mr. John Kellogg founded his present business in 1888, since which date he has very largely developed it in every department, and has won an enviable reputation among the residents of this section for enterprise, fair dealing and intimate knowledge of every detail of his branch of trade. He is a blacksmith, horseshoer and jobber. The premises made use of comprise one shop measuring 20 x 40 feet and located at No. 192 Broadway. All necessary facilities are at hand for the prompt and accurate filling of orders in the line of blacksmithing and horseshoeing, special attention being given to interfering horses. Experienced and careful assistants are employed. Mr. Kellogg gives affairs close personal supervision, and no defective work leaves his shop if he can help it, his invariable policy being to thoroughly satisfy every reasonable customer.

**FRANK H. TURNER & CO.**, Grocers and Oil Dealers, 40 Broadway, East Somerville, Mass.—The business conducted by Messrs. Frank H. Turner & Co., at No. 40 Broadway, was founded by them in 1884, Mr. Turner having had an experience of 37 years in this line of business. Mr. Turner is a native of Charlestown, and has a very large circle of friends throughout East Somerville and vicinity. The business has developed greatly since its inception, and now requires the employment of three competent assistants and the carrying of a heavy and varied stock, comprising fine groceries of all kinds and oils, etc., etc. Premises of the dimensions of 20 x 75 feet are occupied, and the goods are displayed to excellent advantage, the store being neat and trim, and supplied with all necessary facilities for the storage and handling of the commodities dealt in. Messrs. Turner are in a position to meet all honorable competition, and their prices will be found to bear the closest comparison with those quoted elsewhere on goods of equal merit. Making a specialty of family trade, they spare no pains to handle reliable articles only, and customers appreciate this fact and know that all goods coming from their store are sure to prove precisely as represented.

**H. W. TARBELL**, Furniture Repairing and Upholstering, 36 Lincoln Street, East Somerville, Mass. All Orders Promptly Attended to.—When having your furniture repaired and re-upholstered it is well to remember that the first cost is but one of a number of things that should be considered, for thoroughly well made furniture will last and look well for many years, while that composed of inferior material carelessly put together will become shabby and broken down in a very short time. And after all the difference in the first cost is by no means great, and in proof of this assertion we would refer our readers to the establishment conducted by Mr. H. W. Tarbell, for he affords a thoroughly reliable service and yet quotes prices low enough to suit the most economically disposed. He is a man of large experience in this line, and furniture repairing and upholstering are done in all their branches in a workmanlike manner and at reasonable rates. Carpets made over and laid. Mattresses made over and to order. Window shades, drapery poles and brackets furnished, etc., etc., while an assortment of shade fixtures, brass rods, nails, carpet thread and lining is always on hand. Mr. Tarbell gives his personal attention to the supervision of affairs, and makes it a rule to allow no defective work to leave his store.

**MRS. G. W. BLAISDELL**, Dressmaking and Fancy Goods, 21 Cross St., East Somerville, Mass.—This store is conceded to be one of the most tasty and attractive establishments of its kind in this neighborhood. The goods displayed are always fashionable, seasonable and most desirable. A steady and increasing business is done by the popular manager who has conducted it for so many years. The most sanguine expectations have been realized, as the public was quick to appreciate the many inducements offered, and have given evidence of the fact by their liberal patronage. Fancy goods are exhibited in many styles, and those who are interested in the latest fashionable novelties should not fail to inspect the stock, as it contains many of the newest productions in this line. Dressmaking is also carried on, and some of the most unique and fashionable garments are turned out of this establishment by Mrs. G. W. Blaisdell, the proprietress, and whose store is located at No. 21 Cross Street, East Somerville, and only capable assistants are employed, the number varying with the demands of the season; and Mrs. Blaisdell has attained a reputation for exceptional taste in the selection of the goods dealt in that is as high as it is deserved, while the prices will compare favorably with any similar store in town.



**E. F. CHAFFEE**, Druggist, 48 Cross Street, East Somerville, Mass.—It would be difficult to find an establishment of more genuine value to the community than that carried on by Mr. E. F. Chaffee at No. 48 Cross street. This undertaking was founded in 1880, since when the business has largely developed, as its influence to the public became more plainly manifest. Drugs, medicines and chemicals are supplied at the lowest rates that can be named on first-class goods. Daily and weekly papers are supplied, while he also has a fine soda fountain at which a brisk trade is done, as is also in fine cigars and tobacco and confectionery. The filling of prescriptions is the main business and is given *especial* attention, so customers may feel assured of their favors being appreciated and of their orders being handled with that skill and accuracy so desirable in this connection. Every precaution is observed that will tend to reduce the liability of error to the smallest possible amount, and every facility is at hand that can aid in attaining this result. Mr. Chaffee is moderate in his charges and certainly has solved the problem of combining reliable service with popular prices. Mr. Chaffee is a native of Worcester,

Mass., and his store is on the ground floor 20x30 feet in dimensions. The stock carried is fresh, varied and acceptable, and as one competent assistant is employed, customers are treated with courtesy and respect.

**F. DeWITT LAPHAM**, Auctioneer, Real Estate, Insurance, etc., etc., etc., Broadway and Franklin Street, East Somerville.—Mr. F. DeWitt Lapham is an auctioneer, real estate agent, mortgages negotiated, fire insurance agent, and collector of rents, etc., etc. His office is on Broadway, cor. of Franklin Street; and is prepared to buy, sell, exchange or rent real estate for non-resident owners, and promptly return all collections. He always has some desirable houses, stores and tenements on his books, and much time and trouble may be saved by paying him a visit when "house hunting." Money will be loaned and mortgages negotiated in sums to suit, and at the lowest market rates, all such business being promptly transacted without undue publicity, and without the excessive "red tape" which is so exasperating and so useless. Fire insurance risks are also placed in the best companies, Mr. Lapham being the agent for the German American, Niagara Fire Ins. Co. and Continental Ins. Co. of New York.

**G. W. CLARK**, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Fruits in their Season, also a Full Line of Canned Goods, 140 Broadway.—Some genius or other has remarked that "some proprietors run their stores, while some stores run their proprietors," and whoever he was, no intelligent person can question his soundness on that subject at least. System and order will accomplish a great deal, and when these are joined to experience, as is the case at the establishment conducted by Mr. G. W. Clark, success is assured. The grocery and provision business was founded here by S. D. Sawin, and so continued until he was succeeded in 1885 by the present proprietor. The premises occupied comprise one floor 20 x 40 feet in dimensions. As this gentleman has been engaged for many years in the retail grocery trade, it would indeed be strange if he was not able to offer his customers special advantages in many directions by this time. The store is located at No. 140 Broadway, and the stock carried consists of choice family groceries and provisions, fruits in their season, also a full line of canned goods, etc. Competent and polite assistants are employed, and particular effort is made to serve all customers with promptness and cordiality. While all the goods are first class, his prices will be found moderate.

**S. T. KIRK**, Carpenter and Builder, 83 Cross St., East Somerville.—People are very apt to under-estimate the importance of the work done by builders, for the large majority of those engaged in this line of business have no idea of claiming credit for what they accomplish, but simply carry out the enterprise entrusted to them to the best of their ability and let their work speak for itself. But, nevertheless, credit should be given where credit is due, and in this connection let us call attention to the record made by Mr. S. T. Kirk since operations were begun by him some years since. Many contracts of more or less importance have been filled by him during the time mentioned. Mr. Kirk possesses excellent facilities for giving prompt and careful attention to all orders, and employs only efficient assistants. Being a practical builder, he is in a position to offer valuable advice to those contemplating building operations, and is ready to give his counsel to patrons. Carpentering and jobbing orders will be attended to when received at his office on Cross street. Mr. Kirk is instructor in carpentry at Tufts College, and is also prominent in local military circles, having recently been captain of Co. M, 8th Regt., M. V. M., having been promoted from second lieutenant. He is drill master of Somerville High School Battalion.



# GEO. H. COWDIN,

## APOTHECARY

No. 25 Union Square, SOMERVILLE, Mass.

**MISS MARIE W. HUNT**, Teacher of Pianoforte Playing, 69 Rush St., East Somerville, Mass.—“There is no royal road to learning,” and the attainment of skill as a musician is not possible without faithful and persistent study and practice, no matter how competent, earnest and experienced a teacher one may have; but it is none the less a fact that an almost infinite amount of time and trouble may be saved by having the aid of such an instructor, and the expense involved is much more than compensated for by the benefit gained. One of the most thoroughly equipped and successful teachers of the piano in Somerville is Miss Marie W. Hunt, of 69 Rush St., East Somerville, and the success this lady has met with is due not less to her enthusiastic devotion to her profession than to her intimate acquaintance with its practical details. A really enthusiastic teacher inspires like enthusiasm in her pupils, and her example robs daily practice of much of the monotony and irksomeness it would otherwise possess. Miss Hunt is a graduate from the New England Conservatory of Music, and gives references if desired that certainly are very select and must satisfy the most critical. Her terms are moderate and it is not surprising that the tuition of this trained and careful teacher is appreciated by very many pupils.



## ALFRED A. MANN,

### UNDERTAKER,

SOMERVILLE, - - MASS.

Residence, 3 Washington Ave.

Rooms, 4 Warren Ave.

TELEPHONE 118.

**HORACE E. OSGOOD**, Dealer in Provisions, Staple and Fancy Groceries; Telephone 177-3; Cor. Perkins and Franklin Streets, East Somerville, Mass.—Among those Grocery and Provision houses which both on account of the character and extent of the stock carried and the low prices named on the articles comprising the same are worthy of especially prominent and favorable mention, must be classed that conducted by Mr. Horace E. Osgood, corner of Perkins and Franklin Streets, for this gentleman caters to the most fastidious trade, while his prices are as low as the lowest in every department, quality of course being considered. The premises are of spacious dimensions and afford ample accommodations for the heavy assortment of Provisions and fancy Groceries, Teas, Coffees and Spices which is constantly carried. A full selection of everything usually carried in a first-class Grocery Store is always to be found here. Employment is given to five experienced assistants, and orders will be promptly filled at all times. Mr. Osgood is a native of Newcastle, Maine. He has had the experience that should amply qualify him to conduct his business in the best manner for the interest of his patrons as well as for himself, for he was formerly with Cobb, Bates & Yerxa and also C. D. Cobb & Bros. of Boston.

**W. H. RICHARDSON**, Horseshoer and Jobber, Glen Street, East Somerville, Mass.—Mr. W. H. Richardson has long been prominently identified with the blacksmith trade, being known as one of the most expert blacksmiths in town. Since he opened his shop he has materially added to both his reputation and his business, for his improved facilities enable him to fill every order without delay and to do work cheaply as well as durably and neatly. The premises made use of and located on Glen Street are thoroughly equipped in every part, especially as regards the facilities for heavy work. All kinds of jobbing are done in a superior manner and at short notice, employment being given to only competent assistants. Mr. Richardson gives particular attention to the shoeing of horses, and is prepared to do such work in a manner that will suit customers, no rigid rules being followed, but the individual needs of each horse being carefully considered. The prices quoted in the various departments of the business are as low as are consistent with the use of selected material and the employment of skilled labor, and we may say in closing that all work done at this establishment is fully warranted in every respect.

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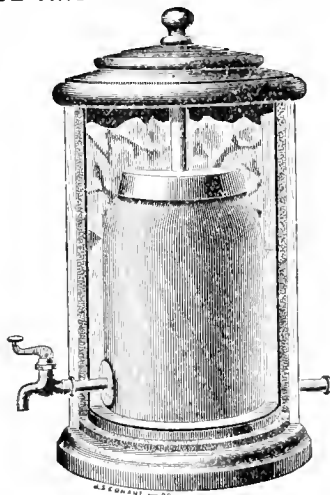
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**5 UNION SQUARE, . . . . . SOMERVILLE, MASS.**

**CHAS. M. HEADLEY**, Druggist, cor. Cross and Allston Sts., East Somerville, Mass.—It is well for any community to have such an enterprise as that conducted by Mr. Chas. M. Headley within its borders, for this undertaking has been carried on for some years, and its management has been such as to fully justify the unbounded confidence reposed in it by the public. No intelligent person needs to be told how important it is that physicians' prescriptions should be compounded of materials of standard strength, in the most careful and accurate manner, and as Mr. Headley has everything at hand for the proper filling of such orders and is in a position to guarantee the quality of the agents employed, it is but natural that many residents of this section should make it a practice to have all their prescriptions compounded at this well equipped establishment, especially as all undue delay is avoided and moderate charges are uniformly made. Mr. Headley is a native of this town, and the store occupied is located cor. of Cross and Allston Streets. A full line of fine cigars, tobacco and confectionery is carried, and from his fountain he furnishes as nice soda as is found in this city.

**C. F. SCOTT**, Winter Hill Shoeing Forge, Hand-made Shoes a Specialty. All Work Guaranteed. Horses Called for and Returned. 233 Pearl St., Winter Hill.—There is no need of telling the residents of Winter Hill and vicinity that Mr. C. F. Scott is an experienced and skillful horseshoer and general blacksmith, for they have had ample time and opportunity to find that out for themselves during the many years that he has carried on operations here, but as the most of the circulation of this book will be out of town, and as it will be read by many of the summer tourists who travel through and who frequently have occasion for the services of a horseshoer, we feel that we are doing many of our readers a service in calling their attention to Mr. Scott's facilities, for he does first class work at short notice and at low rates. He is a native of England, and began business here in 1889. His shop occupies the ground floor at No. 233 Pearl Street, and is 20 x 40 feet in dimensions and known as the “Winter Hill Shoeing Forge,” being fitted up with all necessary tools and appliances, while sufficient help is employed to insure the prompt filling of all orders. All work is guaranteed, and hand-made shoes a specialty. Horses are called for and returned.

**Mrs. E. & H. N. STUART**, Dealers in Dry and Fancy Goods, Cake and Pastry, Confectionery and Toys, Men's Furnishings, etc., Nos. 38 and 40 Cross Street, East Somerville, Mass.—The premises occupied by Mrs. E. & H. N. Stuart are very spacious, but none too much so to accommodate the heavy stock carried, for they deal in Dry and Fancy Goods, Men's Furnishings, Cakes, Pastry, Confectionery, Toys, etc., etc., and offer a complete assortment in every department. The premises are located at Nos. 38 and 40 Cross Street, East Somerville, and is 30 x 30 feet in dimensions. To attempt to describe such a stock as this in detail within the narrow limits of our space, is out of the question, but we may at least state that the assortment comprises the latest novelties as well as a full stock of staple goods in its various lines, and that every article is sold under a guarantee that it will prove just as represented. A full line of Butterick's patterns is carried in stock. This firm quotes bottom prices in every department and does a large and growing retail business, while courteous and polite attention is shown every caller.

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A. J. BECKWITH,

111 PERKINS STREET, - - EAST SOMERVILLE.

**A. M. PRESCOTT**, Dealer in Hay, Straw, Grain and Feed, 297 Somerville Ave., Somerville, Mass.—The price of grain, hay and straw is subject to frequent and sudden changes on account of causes quite beyond the control of local dealers, and indeed, in some cases, beyond the control of producers and heavy wholesale dealers also, as was recently shown by a rise in grain caused by the railroads not having cars available to transport the crop from the interior to the centers of distribution. These changes in price are so many and so sudden that it is quite impossible for the average consumer to keep track of them, and hence the only surety he has that he is getting goods of standard quality at the lowest market rates is the integrity of the dealer of whom he buys, so it pays to take pains to place your orders with one who has both the disposition and the ability to furnish goods at the lowest prevailing rates, and such of our readers as have done business with Mr. A. M. Prescott of 297 Somerville Ave. (Hill's Building), will agree that he "fills the bill" in every particular. He has built up a desirable trade in hay, straw, grain and feed, and all orders are filled at short notice, the goods being guaranteed to be of the grade and quality represented, and the prices being as low as the lowest. He can be reached by telephone No. 130.2 (Sturtevant Bros.). Furniture moving and general express business are also promptly attended to at reasonable rates.

**WILLIAM B. OSGOOD**, Successor to Jerome S. Daniels, Real Estate, Insurance and Mortgages, 119 Perkins, corner of Lincoln Street, East Somerville, Mass.—The benefits of insurance are so generally availed of nowadays by all classes of people that it seems superfluous to point out the wisdom of securing such protection. The real estate owners having thousands of dollars' worth of property to insure, and the mechanic having only his strength and skill for capital, both profit by the operations of the various excellent Fire, Life and Accident Companies doing business in this country, and the work of taking out policies in these organizations is much simplified by the existence of such agencies as that conducted by Mr. William B. Osgood, with which many of our readers are already familiar. This agency was established 25 years ago by Allen & Daniels, who were succeeded by Jerome S. Daniels, and after various changes came into sole possession of Mr. William B. Osgood in 1891. The office is located at No. 119 Perkins Street. He is a Real Estate, Fire, Life and Casualty Insurance Agent and is prepared to issue any of the different kinds of policies and in only the best Insurance Companies. Among the fire insurance companies represented are the following: Norwich Union Insurance Society of England, Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Springfield, Mass., American Insurance Company of Boston, North American Insurance Company of Boston, Spring Garden Insurance Company of Philadelphia, and Caledonian Insurance Company of Scotland; also the State Mutual Life Insurance Company of Worcester and the New England Mutual Accident Insurance Company of Boston. Special attention is given to all Real Estate interests, either in buying, selling, renting, collecting rent and supervision of estates. Any information desired will be cheerfully given.

**CHAS. H. CRANE**, Pharmacist, Perkins, Cor. Franklin Street, East Somerville, Mass.—This store is located on Perkins, corner of Franklin street, East Somerville, and in size is 20x30 feet. Mr. Chas. H. Crane is the proprietor. The stock consists of pure drugs, medicines and chemicals. It was established many years ago, and Mr. Crane spares no pains to guard against the possibility of even the slightest error, and has provided the most elaborate and improved facilities for the measuring and general handling of the drugs and chemicals dealt in. The preparation of physicians' prescriptions is recognized as the most important feature of the business, and the many orders daily filled show that the public is appreciative of the advantages here offered. Mr. Crane employs competent and polite assistants, so that despite the magnitude of the business every caller is sure of receiving immediate and careful attention. The stock includes not only drugs, medicines and chemicals of every description, but also tobacco, cigars and soda water, toilet and fancy articles, etc., the latest novelties being represented and moderate charges being made in connection with all the various articles handled. Mr. Crane is the East Somerville agent for the Somerville post office for the sale of money orders, postal notes, stamps, cards and envelopes, but does not receive or deliver mail or sell foreign money orders.

## H. W. BURCESS, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Flour.

CORNER GLEN and WEBSTER STREETS,

EAST SOMERVILLE, MASS.

It is comparatively easy to get first-class Groceries in East Somerville and vicinity, but first-class meats are by no means so common, it being notorious indeed that many who pay for such products are in fact supplied with second rate articles. There are some dealers, however, who appreciate the large demand for choice meats and are excellently well prepared to cater to it, and among them a leading position is held by Mr. H. W. Burgess, who carries on a well-equipped Grocery and Provision business on the corner of Glen and Webster streets and does a first-class retail trade. Mr. Burgess established the Grocery and Provision business in this city in 1877. The store occupied is 30x40 feet in dimensions and contains a heavy stock of the above named food supplies, while no trouble is spared to keep it as complete in every department, that all tastes and purses can be suited. Four efficient assistants are employed and much of the popularity of this establishment is due to the prompt and courteous attention assured to every caller. Mr. Burgess is well and favorably known throughout East Somerville, having been a resident for so many years.

**MISSES SHERMAN, Dry, Fancy and Millinery Goods, Gents' Furnishings, 126 Beacon Street, Somerville, Mass.**—Such of our readers as are interested in fine artistic millinery work and choice millinery goods will certainly be interested in the enterprise conducted at No. 126 Beacon Street, near the corner of Washington Street, under the firm name of "Misses Sherman," the partners being Miss H. E. Sherman and Miss A. L. Sherman, both natives of Newton Mass., for they carry a very attractive and carefully selected stock of Millinery Goods, as also Dry and Fancy Goods, Gents' Furnishings, Ladies' and Gents' Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, and small wares, a description of which we will not attempt, as their stock is constantly changing. A specialty is made of order work and these ladies keep thoroughly well informed concerning the latest dictates of fashion, and the very latest fashionable novelties in millinery goods are obtained as they appear in the market. The excellent taste displayed in selecting the proper shape, shades and combinations best suited to the individuality of each patron is very rapidly establishing a fine reputation among those who appreciate really artistic millinery effect. And that the public is quick to discover this ability is shown by the rapidly increasing trade both in character and volume since they began business here in 1891. The fact that first-class goods and first-class work can be obtained here as certainly as in Boston, and at a much less price and at quite a saving of time and expense, is a combination that the public is fast appreciating. In making a specialty of millinery, other departments of the trade are not neglected, but an effort is made to keep pace with the demands of the trade in each line and give the purchasing public a service both prompt and satisfactory in every way. The firm is agent for the Waltham Steam Laundry and is developing a good line of business in this department, as first-class work is guaranteed, as also a prompt filling of orders.

**A. J. SMITH & CO., Plumbing and Gas Fitter, 35 Washington Street, East Somerville, Mass.**—"Modern conveniences" would certainly not willingly be dispensed with, and their advantages far outweigh their disadvantages, but nevertheless it is undoubtedly a fact that the plumbing arrangements of a house must be properly put in, duly cared for and kept in perfect repair or they are apt to breed sickness, especially in thickly settled communities. Everything depends upon having the plumbing work of a house properly done to begin with, for alterations are often difficult and expensive to make, and even when made the result is liable to be less satisfactory than would have been the case had the work been originally done correctly. Among those engaged in the plumbing business in this vicinity none is better known than Messrs. A. J. Smith & Co., for these gentlemen began operations many years ago and have for a long time held a leading position in their branch of industry. The premises occupied and located on 35 Washington Street are a floor 10 x 20 feet in size. Employment is given to only competent men, and plumbing, gas fitting and general jobbing will be done at very short notice and at moderate charges, while all work is done in a superior manner.

**MISS S. LOUISE CHANDLER, Dry Goods and Fancy Goods, Small Wares and Candy, Stationery, Etc., 146 Perkins Street, East Somerville.**—Among the leading dry goods and fancy goods houses in this section, prominent mention must be made of Miss S. Louise Chandler, for although her business is of comparatively recent origin, having been established in 1885, it has since ranked with the representative enterprises of the kind in this vicinity. The premises occupied are located at No. 146 Perkins Street, and is 15 x 30 feet in size. A large stock of dry and fancy goods, stationery, small wares and candy is carried, and as Miss Chandler makes a specialty of these articles, she offers particular inducements, her store being, in fact, looked upon as the headquarters for dress goods so far as East Somerville is concerned. Employment is given to two competent and courteous assistants, and prompt and careful attention is the rule to all. Miss Chandler quotes bottom prices, and every article sold is guaranteed to prove as represented.

**J. E. PARSONS, Sanitary Plumber and Engineer, 71 Pearl Street, cor. of Franklin Street, East Somerville, Mass.**—The business carried on by Mr. J. E. Parsons at No. 71 Pearl Street, East Somerville, was established by him in 1876, and has never been more worthy of rapid and steady development than at the present time. He is a native of Maine, and is a sanitary plumber and engineer, besides being a gas fitter and dealer in builders' hardware, table cutlery, etc., and carrying a full stock of plumbers' supplies, water closets and wash bowls, bath tubs, etc., which he offers at the lowest market rates, and which, with the aid of competent assistants, enable him to fill all jobbing orders at very short notice. The premises utilized comprise a shop 25 x 35 feet, together with a workshop in the same flat 20 x 20 feet in dimensions, which enables Mr. Parsons to fill all orders with the least possible delay, having every facility at hand to aid him in turning out the best of work. He gives close personal attention to the many details of his business, being a practical plumber himself, and the result of his endeavors to please his customers is to be seen in the trade carried on, which is already extensive and is steadily increasing.

**MOULTON C. LIBBEY**, Jeweler; Repairing of all Kinds a Specialty, 3 Studio Building, Davis Square, West Somerville, Mass.—The man who has once carried a really accurate watch will never be satisfied afterwards with a time-keeper that is not to be entirely depended upon. There is a peculiar satisfaction in owning a watch that you can "swear by," known only to those who have experienced it; and if any of our readers should be about to purchase a watch or any article of jewelry we would advise them to secure full value for their money by buying of a trustworthy dealer and paying a fair price. Those living in West Somerville and vicinity cannot do better, we believe, than to place their orders with Mr. Moulton C. Libbey, located at No. 3 Studio Building, Davis Square, for, while he does not carry a large stock of goods, he enjoys such relations with the wholesale houses that any orders that may call for any articles not held in stock can be furnished on an hour or two notice and at prices that save to the purchaser the per cent. usually charged to cover interest, insurance, etc., on stock if carried. Mr. Libbey is a thoroughly practical watch maker and jeweler, and has had ample experience, having been for nine years with the well known house of C. W. Baldwin and his successors at 40 Bedford street, Boston. He makes a specialty of repair work on watches, French clocks, jewelry, etc., to which he gives close personal attention and warrants his work equal in excellence to any done in the city, satisfaction being always guaranteed.

**JAMES F. DAVLIN**, Sanitary Plumber, 185 Somerville Avenue, Somerville; Residence 15 Kingman Court.—The business carried on by Mr. James F. Davlin may be said to have been founded in 1857, for it was then that he began operations in Somerville as a sanitary plumber, but it has not been steadily continued by him since that time, for he served three years in the navy during the war, and as signal quarter master was a member of Admiral Dahlgren's staff, and in this capacity on the flagship of the South Atlantic Squadron took part in all the engagements incidental to the siege of Charleston. Mr. Davlin is prominently identified with the G. A. R., and was commander of Willard E. Kinsley Post 139 the year that that most famous of modern soldiers, General Grant, died; he was commissary general on the staff of General T. S. Wentworth at the semi-centennial celebration of Somerville. Resuming operations as a plumber at the close of the war, Mr. Davlin soon built up quite an extensive business, and some idea of his standing in his chosen trade may be gained from the fact that he has been president of the Master Plumbers' Association of Boston and vicinity, and has served as delegate to many of the national conventions of the organization. But he has not allowed his private business interests to monopolize his attention since the return of peace, on the contrary he has been active in public affairs, has served two years in the City Council, and as a member of the State Legislature in 1887 was one of the members of the committee on towns, and advocated and signed the minority report of that committee against the Beverly division. What was thought by the citizens of Somerville of his action in this case is shown by their giving a banquet in his honor and presenting him with an elegant gold headed cane. It is unnecessary for us to go into details concerning the advantages gained by placing plumbing orders with Mr. Davlin, for the simple reason that the more important of these advantages are obvious to all who realize the wisdom of having plumbing done in accordance with the most improved methods, in strictly first class style, and by one who is an acknowledged leader in the trade and is known to be absolutely reliable, and to be in a position to execute commissions promptly and at moderate rates. Mr. Davlin makes a specialty of sanitary plumbing and ventilation, and although employing ample and competent assistants gives personal attention to the filling of every important order. His shop is at No. 185 Somerville Ave., and his residence is at No. 15 Kingman Court, communications to either address being responded to promptly, carefully and satisfactorily.

**P. FORG**, Manufacturer of Specialties in Cabinet and Builders' Hardware, Bolts, Door Catches and Springs, Friction Mirror and Transom Light Hinges, Bedstead Irons, &c., &c., Die Work, Punching and Press Work a Specialty. 53 Bow Street, Somerville, Mass.—Furniture manufacturing, cabinet making and house building are all very important and extensive industries in Somerville and vicinity, so it is perfectly natural that there should be a large demand for the productions of Mr. P. Forg, manufacturer of specialties in cabinet and builders' hardware, particularly as his goods are unsurpassed as regards honesty of material and perfection of workmanship, while in efficiency of design some of them are simply unapproachable in their special line, as for instance in the case of Forg's patent self-adjusting door catch, a small and simple article, but still one that needs only to be seen to be appreciated and used. The business has recently been increased by the erection of a new factory, which affords much more floor space and is fitted up with an elaborate plant of improved machinery for the manufacture of bolts, door catches and springs, friction mirror and transom light hinges, bedstead irons, etc., and for the doing of die work, punching and press work in general, a specialty being made of jobbing in these lines. The establishment is located at Bow Street Place, and all orders are assured immediate and careful attention, and can generally be filled at short notice, as the mechanical plant is very extensive and efficient, and employment is given to about 50 assistants.

**EDGAR J. HOWLAND**, Apothecary and Chemist, Post Office Block, P. O. Square, Somerville, Mass.—A first-class drug store is certainly one of the most useful and deserving establishments which can be maintained in a community, for the most skillful physician can do but comparatively little unless there is a supply of fresh drugs, medicines and chemicals close at hand. It is generally conceded that Mr. Edgar J. Howland, who is a thoroughly educated apothecary and chemist, being a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, also of the Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association, spares no pains to afford the best possible service to the public, and a visit to the drug store of which he is proprietor will prove this concession to be justified by facts, for the stock on hand is certainly complete in every department, and one cannot help noting the extreme care which is taken in the compounding of prescriptions. Nothing is left to chance, and nothing is taken for granted, and the fact that prescriptions can be filled here at all hours is of the greatest importance. Mr. Howland is a native of New Bedford, Mass., and founded his present business here in Somerville in 1888. The premises, which are located in Post Office Block, Post Office Square, contain in addition to drugs, etc., already referred to, a full assortment of fancy toilet articles and druggists' sundries of all kinds. Employment is given to thoroughly competent assistants, and callers are sure of receiving prompt and courteous attention. The prices quoted are moderate in every department, and all articles purchased here are sure to prove as represented.

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